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SUMMARY.

At the trial of eight residents of Ballinbragh for rioting it was shown that a boycotted man went 20 miles for bread, and was waylaid and robbed.

The Judge said it was hard to believe with such things happening that they were living in a Christian country.

He added that if the jurors sympathised with the prisoners they would not be fitted to fill the most menial office. The jury disagreed.

The new Russian Duma was opened on Tuesday.

The absence of the Czar from the ceremony is considered ominous.

Throngs of people greeted the delegates in the streets with shouts of "Amnesty."

Armed automobiles were brought to St. Petersburg to suppress street riots.

A street demonstration of 20,000 people was made in honour of the Extreme Left of the Duma.

Gendarmes charged the crowd, injuring many people.

The Paris correspondent of the "Times" states that Germany has made strenuous exertions to effect a rapprochement with Denmark.

Germany, it is stated, is steadily developing her influence with Sweden and Norway, and will soon be preponderant in the Baltic.

Mr. Robertson submitted the Navy Estimates to the House of Commons.

He said the Admiralty believed that the present naval programme would adequately maintain the two-Power standard.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman informed Mr. Henniker Heaton that it would be inexpedient to invite the colonial Premiers to address the House of Commons.

Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim are building a Dreadnought for Brazil.

Horace Rayner, who is accused of the murder of Mr. Whitely, has been committed for trial.

The King is presenting a signed portrait of himself and the Queen to the capital of each colony in South Africa.

Correspondence regarding the mail contract has taken place in the press between Mr. Wilson Potter (one of the syndicate) and Mr. Taylor (of the Orient Company).

The former asserts that the P. and O. and the Orient companies wrote to the Shipping Conference protesting against his association with the syndicate.

He further asserts that there has been a concerted and organised campaign by the American combine and the P. and O. and Orient companies to discredit the scheme.

Mr. Taylor denies Mr. Potter's statements.

Mr. Deakin referred to the mail contract and shipping services in a speech at Melbourne yesterday.

He said they had to consider whether the time had not arrived for Federal or national action.

Federal action, he added, could be taken in the light of day, with free and fair competition for all.

Mr. Deakin declared that nothing would be wanting on the part of the Government to help the syndicate carry out its contract.

The Federal Government, he concluded, was prepared to ask Parliament to reconsider the situation.

The Queensland Premier thinks the Federal Government ought to be able to arrange a mail service without asking the States to guarantee a private syndicate's capital.

The Bodangora cyclone was accompanied by heavy rain, which could not be recorded owing to the rain gauges having been blown away.

The track of the cyclone could be traced for miles, owing to the fallen trees. Monster trees were carried a distance of 50 yards.

At an inquest on the body of an infant, at Perth (W.A.), counsel for the Infants' Protection Society outlined some revolting evidence in regard to baby farming.

A register kept by Alice Mitchell, who had charge of infants, showed that 14 out of 22 infants had died in the two years ended 1906.

The woman frequently changed her residence, and the police stated that 20 out of 32 infants entrusted to her had died.

One doctor had attended 22 fatal cases, the certificate of death in nearly all the cases mentioning marasmus or wasting away.

The Immigration League has protested against the introduction of Russian Jews into the Northern Territory.

A number of the strikers in New Zealand have been fined £5 each for breaches of the Arbitration award.

The amount standing to the credit of the Public Disaster Relief Fund on the 31st December was over £13,600.

In Hazelton v Potter (the Solomon Islands case), the Full Court yesterday set aside the verdict found for plaintiff, and entered a nonsuit.

The Water and Sewerage Board further discussed the deterioration of the quality of the water in Cataract reservoir by the growth of vegetable matter.

A motion was carried unanimously earnestly requesting the Government to allow the board to remove all vegetable matter in advance of the water line.

One case of plague occurred yesterday, the patient being a resident of Surry Hills, who frequently visits the city.

The Mount Cooper Estate, in the Bombala district, consisting of 25,308 acres, has been purchased by a private syndicate for closer settlement.

The estate was offered to the Government, and strongly recommended by the local Land Board, but was declined.

At the same time the Government purchased Myall Creek at a higher figure, although the Cooper Estate is alleged to be the superior land.

Orders have been issued in Adelaide for the appointment of clothing, dressmaking, furniture, and bakers' wages boards.

The San Francisco steamer Sierra reached Sydney yesterday.

At the Hainault (Kalgoorlie) mine, Elias Jones, a miner, was killed, and his mate, Charlie Weary, was badly injured by an explosion.

The Methodist Conference of Victoria and Tasmania has carried a motion repudiating any connection with party politics.

Mr. Deakin was accorded an enthusiastic farewell by a representative gathering in Melbourne yesterday.

It is stated that large numbers of New Guinea natives are being introduced into the pearling industry at Thursday Island.

The Tasmanian Treasurer says that his Government has £175,000 in London banks, earning from 2½ to 4¼ per cent. interest.

It was reported last night that a serious fire was raging at Belfast freezing works, near Christchurch.

The Lismore Pastures Board, in connection with the tick invasion, has approved of the construction of a line of fencing south of Dunbible Creek.

The Victorian Premier has announced that the Government intends to help the local coal industry.

He states that with Government assistance and improved appliances Victoria will not have to depend on New South Wales for her coal supply.

The chess championship of Victoria has been won by G. Gundersen.

At the New Zealand championship rifle meeting the belt was won by A. Ballinger.

W. Cutler, W. A. Clark, and Corporal S. Edwards have been selected to represent New South Wales in the Bisley team.

Mr. N. E. Brookes has decided to play for Australia in the forthcoming tennis matches for the Davis Cup in England.

A committee at Wanganui has cabled to Towns asking him for a match with Webb.

A larger amount of business than usual was transacted on the Exchange yesterday, without variation in prices.

The Mining market was dull, only a small amount of business being done. In the majority of silver and copper stocks prices were easier.

At the wool sales competition was very keen, and prices were satisfactorily maintained.

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††OPHIR	6814	Parsons	Mar. 20	Mar. 26	Mar. 28
††OMRAH	8282	Symons	Apr. 3	Apr. 9	Apr. 11
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MONOWAI, SATURDAY, March 23, at noon.

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From HOBART—March 12, 19, 30.
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ATUA (Twin-screw), from Auckland, TUESDAY, April 9.
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MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA, GERALDTON, MOURILYAN, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., March 12. WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., March 19. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., March 26.
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PORT MACQUARIE.—Pyrmont, This Day, 5 p.m.
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FOR MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE (transhipping to Port Pirie), ALBANY, FREMANTLE (transhipping to Perth, Geraldton, and North-west ports). YONGALA, WEDNESDAY, March 20, without transhipment. GRANTALA, WEDNESDAY, April 3, without transhipment.
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, and RIVER PORTS to CAIRNS. WARREGO, 12 noon, SATURDAY, March 9th. MARLOO, 12 noon, SATURDAY, March 16. GABO, 12 Noon, SATURDAY, March 23.
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TO-DAY, 9 a.m., Ministerial Session,
2 p.m., Representative Session,
7 p.m., Home Mission Public Meeting.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHEAP EXCURSION TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER, IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AND SATURDAY NEXT. Train will leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m.; from Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. The river trip will occupy about five hours. Return Fares from Sydney and Suburban Stations.—5s 6d First-class, 3s 6d Second-class. Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer at reasonable rates.

ALTERED RUNNING OF THE MIXED TRAIN ON THE CULCAIRN-COROWA LINE. COMMENCING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9. The 6.50 p.m. Mixed Train from Corowa on SATURDAYS, connecting at Culcairn with the Up Express for Sydney, WILL BE DISCONTINUED, and The 12.30 p.m. Mixed Train from Corowa on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS will run on SATURDAYS also, connecting at Culcairn with the Mail Train, arriving Sydney at 6.15 a.m. Sunday.

SOUTH COAST DISTRICT BAND CONTEST, AT WOLLONGONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 9. Cheap Tickets at single fares for the return journey (minimum 2s first-class and 1s second-class) will be issued to Wollongong at Waterfall and intermediate stations by SPECIAL Train leaving Waterfall at 8.50 a.m., and also at Nowra and intermediate stations by ordinary train leaving Nowra at 6.55 a.m., available for return until Monday, March 11.

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	a.m.		p.m.
Waterfall .... dep.,	8.50	Wollongong .. dep.,	7.25
Bulli ...... dep.,	10.0	Bulli ...... arr.,	7.46
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THE AUTUMN STAKES, 750 sovs added. One mile and a half.
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SECOND DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 1.
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CHAMPAGNE STAKES, 750 sovs. added. Six furlongs. (Entries closed.)
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THE FIRST STEEPLECHASE, 300 sovs. added. About two miles and a half.
THE FIRST NURSERY HANDICAP, 300 sovs. added. One mile.

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THE SECOND HURDLE RACE, 300 sovs added. About three miles.
THE ALL-AGED STAKES, 1000 sovs. added. One mile.
THE COOGEE HANDICAP, 200 sovs. added. One mile and a furlong.
THE EASTER STAKES, 500 sovs. added. Seven furlongs.
THE CUMBERLAND STAKES, 750 sovs. added. Two miles.
THE CITY HANDICAP, 500 sovs added. One mile and a half.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 6.
THE ROUS HANDICAP, 300 sovs. added. One mile and three furlongs.
THE PLACE HANDICAP, 500 sovs. added. One mile and a half.
Entries for this race will remain open until 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 1907, and horses placed under the above conditions during the first three days of the Autumn Meeting of 1907 will be eligible to start without being entered, and will be handicapped unless withdrawn.
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Note.—The First Forfeit for the Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup may be declared with the Secretary A.J.C., Sydney, or V.R.C., Melbourne, before 4 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1907.
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VICTOR AND VANQUISHED: A ½-page picture of Towns and ½-page picture of Durnan. The latter is remarkable for showing the muscular development of the Canadian.

THE WILLOW-SHADED NEPEAN.—See above.

ON THE ROAD TO THE RACE: A Page of Drawings, by Fred. Leist. This will appeal particularly to those who saw the motor cars, motor cycles, bicycles, and all classes of vehicles crowding the roads leading to the Nepean.

OUR GREAT DOUBLE PAGE: This has four pictures, including a general view; scene on the river bank; Towns's training quarters; the competitors shaking hands at the finish.

FROM START TO FINISH: A little picture secured with great trouble, showing the actual start; then different stages of the race to the finish. Our final picture, "The Finish," was taken in a direct line with the Judge's Boat.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE ISSUE.

A Page Portrait of Miss Tittel Brune.
A Set of Pictures of "Robin Hood."
Public Schools' Demonstration at Maitland.
School Farming at Morpeth and Pelican Island.

It will be seen from the above that the issue is attractive. The Portrait of Miss Brune, the well-known actress, who said farewell to her Sydney friends on Friday last, has not, so far, been published in this State. The "Robin Hood" Pictures give a good idea of the new drama, and some of the scenes show the leading lady and Mr. Julius Knight. The Public Schools' Demonstration at Maitland was an event of great local interest, and the School Gardening and Farming Pictures throw light upon the practical side of our education system, or, rather, upon the enthusiasm of some of the teachers.

AMONG THE YEARLINGS.

"Milroy" continues his valuable illustrated letters, under the heading "Among the Yearlings." Nor will the yearling advertisements, which form a feature of the "Sydney Mail" at this time of the year, escape the notice of breeders.

SHIPPING DISASTERS.

A noteworthy page deals with recent maritime disasters. There are pictures of the Great Admiral (the loss of which now finds mention in the daily press), the barque Carnarvon Castle, burnt at sea; the liner Berlin, the loss of which at Voorne Island, Holland, was accompanied by tragedy that stirred the whole world; the Montgomeryshire wrecked on the coast of Tonga; and the scow Ruakaka, which went ashore (since refloated) at Wollongong.

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CHAPTER XXXVI.—Continued.

She had no need to use Philippa's name to aid her cause, and though pity for the half-crazed desperate man had been her uppermost feeling, the sight of that disordered room, of the dishonour done to the poor relics of its former owner had given her a glimpse into a black nether world, unrealised before, and had filled her with a shrinking disgust.

"Mistress Northcote herself gave it to me," she said coldly. Why had Philippa given it to her? Her voice broke under the shock of the thought, then she thrust it from her. It was too horrible—too vile. No woman would so sin against another. "I went to her to pray her help in getting the letters she had spoken of, and then I asked her for some token to show to you," Diana went on falteringly.

"And so she gave you this," said Wake. His voice was stil calm, but the undercurrent of excitement was fast growing stronger. "Then since 'tis plain she sets no great store by it, I would pray you to leave it with me."

"But I promised faithfully to restore it."

"'Twas mine first. Sure I may take back mine own," thrusting out an eager hand.

As Diana, relieved to be rid of it, slipped the snake ring from her finger as if it scorched, Wake said:—

"'Twas Mistress Northcote you said who denounced Arnaud de Beauvoir, whom she knew here as M. Duchemin. They are enemies then?"

"It would seem so, and yet I know not," said Diana, her voice reflecting the doubt she felt. "'Tis true she sent me to you, yet—" then she suddenly stopped, assailed again by that hideous misgiving, feeling that there was more in Wake's question than the words conveyed, that she was on the threshold of something from which soul and body recoiled.

"Oh, sir, if you will but add to all your benefits by letting me go—if you will but send to summon Marquand, the man who brought me hither—'twill soon be high day," she cried.

Wake did not seem to hear her. Her broken doubtful reply had apparently been answer enough. He stood staring at the little sinister circlet, the coiling snake, lying glittering on his broad palm. Diana was growing desperate.

"I beseech you, sir, do me this last kindness," she began, and then since her voice failed to rouse him she laid her hand lightly on his arm. He started violently at her touch, and turned upon her a face which was a very battle ground of warring passions. Their eyes met. Under her steady look he made a mighty effort to restrain himself, to grapple his senses back to him.

"You would go, madam," he forced himself to say with some show of seemliness. "I will even speed you," then his eyes wavered from Diana's imploring gaze to the hateful token in his hand.

With a cry, against which Diana stopped her ears, he dashed it to the floor, ground it under his heavy boot into the dust, and pouring out a broken babble of inarticulate rage, more hideous because less human than the fiercest imprecation, he burst from the room. For a moment Diana stood stunned and shaken, then she sprang after him, but he had already passed out of sight, and she found herself bewildered upon the open ramparts.

As Marquand had said, the mist had come with the morning, that mist which on a September day leaves the gossamers strung with pearls when it rises. But the sun before which it would vanish was not yet above the horizon, though a quiver of the mist foretold its coming, and from the battlements neither sea nor green shores, smoking town nor crowded harbour were yet to be seen, nothing but the white curtain of vapour. The autumn lawn struck chill and she was sore weary, but Diana was conscious of nothing save a deadly and growing anxiety. What was the meaning of this delay which might yet ruin all? Where was Marquand—it could not be that he had betrayed her?

Already the white curtain was thinning. Far away down below she could see the weed-hung rocks appearing through it, the far receding spring-tide was at its lowest ebb, when the Castle was an island no longer, and the town though with considerable risk could be reached on foot.

Why not make her escape by the tideway, if she could but pass the sentries? like a flash came the thought. Anything would be better than to seek for Marquand through that maze of unknown buildings, of winding passages, at the risk of encountering Captain Wake once more. She had neither strength nor courage to face him again, and now the whole peril of her position which she had so undauntedly kept at bay rushed in upon her like a flood.

A step sounded upon the flags—Marquand at last! Diana turned swiftly and found herself face to face with Arnaud de Beauvoir.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

THE CRY ON THE BATTLEMENTS.

Like the scream of the leveret when the dog springs upon it was the cry which broke from Diana's lips. The sound seemed not altogether ungrateful to the ears of the man calmly regarding her. He surveyed her in silence with a smile which was already one of possession.

To Diana his sudden appearance on the battlements of Castle Carnet partook of the marvellous. She could not know of that rough scroll which had reached him but an hour or two ago.

"Your man Marquand has conveyed a woman into Castle Carnet; you can judge who, and if it be for your good.—P.," so it ran.

A hoax Arnaud was ready to think it at first, or more likely Philippa had taken a leaf out of his own book and had concocted some plan to entrap him; but he had chosen to take the risk, and now he was already tasting his triumph. What was there to bar it now? Philippa, who had vowed to be his ruin, had found it wiser to propitiate him. His enemies were under his heel. How long could Diana's resistance last?

"'Twas a bold move, Diana, and well played," he said at last. "I have no fault to find with your spirit, but methinks this is checkmate now. Can you see aught to hinder me from calling 'game'?"

She made no reply save for the swift involuntary leap of her eyes towards the dizzy mist-hung gulf beyond the low parapet.

"No, not that way," said Arnaud, moving a step nearer. "'Tis joy-bells I would have, not a knell. You have made a brave fight, but 'tis better to capitulate on fair terms, as our host here or his successor will have to do ere long, than take the risks of suck and storm. 'Tis for me to dictate the terms, and they can be put into a single word—you can only leave Castle Carnet as my wife. 'Never' is a long word," answering her look, for words were not yet at her command. "And if you think but a moment, you will see that it must be so. You cannot remain here as the Governor's guest, except upon conditions I cannot very well name, and with the reputation the Castle has, after the little escapade of spending the night here, you cannot leave it as Mistress Diana Chenies. Captain Wake's chaplain may be only a hedge-priest, but he can do all that is needful for the present. In due time our union, as is fitting, will be formally completed. Meanwhile, as her head and guardian, I will take charge of what Captain Wake has committed to my wife's care, since it clearly concerns me." He was right then, that swiftly checked start, the hand half-raised to her breast, was enough. Wake, the old fox, had kept something back and now Diana had it—for what else had she come?

The calm smile, the slow mocking voice had held Diana as in a vice, but now she found words.

"Never—I will never be your wife. You had your answer before, and think you I have any other now with my mother's grave, your brother's blood between us. And 'tis not you who have the power here. I have but to appeal to Captain Wake. He will protect me."

Arnaud laughed.

"Like enough. He is ever ready, or rumour lies, to protect errant damsels, but you put your trust in a broken reed. Wake has but the shadow of power here. He is governor only in name. His successor is appointed, and his men know it. They are weary of his mad violence. I tell you plain they are as straw ready for the flame. A word from me, and Wake will be safe bound in one of his own dungeons. They will deal with him as I have dealt with that fool Marquand, who thought he could outwit me. That is another ally the less."

"It may be as you say," said Diana firmly. "But I am among Englishmen. Whate'er they be, there must be some brave honest hearts among them, who will be moved by a woman's cry, who will not see her wronged."

"Maybe, but they will not come between husband and wife. Nay, Diana, 'tis all in vain," and the cool, mocking air and tone fell from him like a garment thrown aside.

"Think you I have worked and striven and planned for this hour through all the years only to be baulked now, or turned aside by any prayer. The time is gone for debate. You came here hoping to foil me—you have but given yourself into my hands. You are mine—mine—there is no escape."

"Then God help me—I cry to Him!" and Diana flung up wild despairing hands to the radiant heavens, where the rising mists floated roseate in the first level sunrays.

Arnaud shrugged his shoulders with a careless laugh.

"If it comes to that——" he began lightly.

As a bough snaps, the jesting words were broken off short. There came a bull-like rush from behind, a bull-like roar of wordless wrath, and Wake, the rage of madness in his eyes, the strength of madness in his brawny frame, had thrust Diana aside, and was grappling with him.

Rushing from Diana's presence, the brief interval of calm overclouded, his ravaged mind possessed again as by seven spirits worse than the first, Wake had fled like one pursued hither and thither, till hardly knowing where he went, and without thought or purpose, he turned back to the open ramparts. There before him, clear in the first sunrays, stood the man who had robbed him of the woman he loved—loved to his shame and torture and self-loathing, but still loved. Past and present were a wild whirl to his hatred brain. He saw a man and a woman before him—the man was the man he hated, he had room in his mind for but one woman. Philippa filled all his thoughts, Diana was forgotten, and yet fragments of her charges came back to heat his rage against Arnaud if that were needed, while jealousy, cruel as the grave, completed his overthrow—the jealousy of the savage, the jealousy which levels man with the brute creation, the male doing battle for his chosen mate.

The assault was so sudden, so fierce, so desperate that Arnaud had no moment to evade or to parry it. Ere he could defend himself he was in the grasp of a madman whom no words or reasoning could reach, a madman who had the landward side, while behind himself, beyond that low parapet, was the sheer fall of granite wall, of scarped cliff, and far away down amid the broken, jagged fangs of rock, left mercilessly bare by the retreating tide, death, the fleshless skeleton, sat grinning. The bolt had fallen with bewildering suddenness. An instant before he had been master of his world, lord of other lives, now he was fighting against fearful odds for his own.

Beyond the flushed insensate fury of Wake's broad visage, convulsed well-nigh out of human semblance, he saw the white horror of Diana's face. As a wave flings itself upon a rock, she threw herself upon the madman, striving to drag him backwards; then feeling her efforts to be vain, she fled along the rampart shrieking "help—help!"

And then Arnaud held his breath for what was to come. A young man in the full vigour of his prime, in the glory of his unbroken strength, and with the force of his despair to aid it, he did fierce battle for his life, but all he could do, and he knew it, was to prolong the agony. What was one man's strength against maniac rage? To and fro, in grim silence save for the breath hissing hot and hard through gritted teeth, the two men swayed, locked in that death-grapple, and step by step, inch by inch, Arnaud was driven back and ever back. His mind was absolutely clear; he knew what his fate must be if the help, for which, to save his strength, he had ceased to shout, did not come—and come soon.

And yet the horror of it—the blank utter impossibility! There was the red-roofed climbing town under its peaceful curl of morning smoke—the town in which his word was law; there was the green island where he had looked to rule till he entered into his wider kingdom; there was the glittering roadstead, and drawing slowly out, every sail set to the morning breeze, the very ship which was clearing from his path a brother, a rival, a foe. Another day was beginning, the hum and stir of cheerful life was rising again, men going about their business, their pleasure, their love, and he—in another minute he would be broken carrion. All he was leaving—all he was losing rushed in upon him in a desolating flood, and losing through the blind brute folly of this drunken demented fool whom he had despised. Now he would have shouted aloud, but his tongue seemed dried from the roots. His heel struck the low parapet. It was coming now—the bitterness of death! What would it be—to go down alive into the pit—did a man take long to die, shattered in pieces?

Die! He would not—he could not—not now—not thus. Every tense muscle and sinew was strained to cracking as he gathered himself in the last wild revolt of nature to thrust back the crushing force which was bearing him down. The fair morning sky, the glad morning world were already blotted from his eyes, even the dumb disturbed face of his assailant was vague and dim, and now out of that gathering dimness before the eyes which would never more behold the sun, there grew and shaped themselves in grim vision—the black, slow-moving bearers, the black-palled bier. God have mercy!

The morning air shrilled to one single cry. There was a rush of hasty feet along the rampart. Alone by the parapet stood one man breathing hard, staring wild. Only one man—and the other?

Those who peered over the edge saw far down amid the yellow tangle overspreading the jumbled shards of rock a dark, huddled—something. It moved once, and then it was still—quite still.

(To be continued.)

OUR NEW STORY.

Next Saturday we begin the publication of "Fraulein Schmidt and Mr. Anstruther," by the author of "Elizabeth and her German Garden." The quiet humour and the refined womanliness and the unaffected naturalness which endeared "Elizabeth" to readers are to be found to overflowing in "Fraulein Schmidt." That is her formal name—to Roger Anstruther, her betrothed, and to readers, she is Rose-Marie, a beautiful compound of England and Germany. No longer a mere girl—she is 25—she has got to the best years of a woman's life. She has begun to think and to notice and to observe; and as yet the time is far off when she will dogmatise and be properly conventional. Her letters to Anstruther are charming. They are not the sugar-sweet inanities of the typical lover, but the talk of a sensible woman to her chosen friend, full of such fine sketches of nature and character and incident as "Elizabeth" has taught us to expect. Rose-Marie tells us of many exciting and interesting episodes, which she describes with the utmost vivacity. There is a dramatic force about this new story which was not to be found in "Elizabeth," and the fine telling of the experiences which Rose-Marie undergoes and sees keeps the interest enchained from beginning to end.

PUBLIC DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the subscribers and trustees of the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund was held yesterday at the Town Hall. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Thomas Hughes, presided.

The reports set forth that the balance standing to the credit of the fund at December 31 was £13,879 4s. During the past year a sum of £309 15s 1d was contributed by the Public Instruction Department, in accordance with arrangements previously entered into, and £28 13s 4d by the New South Wales Bush Fires Relief Fund. The receipts had been further augmented by £400 1s 9d bank interest allowed by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and the Bank of New South Wales. The receipts from all sources, including the balance brought forward from last year, amounted to £14,617 14s 2d. The sum of £1355 14s 9d had been expended in allowances to sufferers in connection with the disaster at the Mount Kembla mine in 1902, and £87 8s to sufferers by the disaster at Stanford-Merthyr in 1904, making a total of £1443 2s 9d disbursed in relief to recognised and deserving claimants, while the general charges for administration, postage, bank charges, clerical assistance, etc., amount to £66 6s 6d, and advertising, printing, etc., to £2 12s. The balance standing to credit at December 31 last amounted to £13,080 12s 11d, namely, £6059 2s 1d at the Bank of New South Wales and £7021 10s 10d at the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, in addition to £25 in the secretary's hands to meet emergency payments. The trustees are awaiting a favourable opportunity to invest £6000 in Treasury Bills.

Having regard to the amount disbursed annually, and with the object of conserving the funds at its disposal, the executive committee decided that the allowances from January 1, 1907, should be fixed at 7s per week, the same scale as was in force last year. The Public Instruction Department, according to arrangement, contributes to the fund to the extent of one-fifth of the amount disbursed in relief. The amount to be received from the department under the disbursements made during 1906 will amount to £293 12s 6d, which will still further augment the credit balance. During the past year a sub-committee of the executive committee, namely, Alderman Hughes, Mr. T. A. Dibbs, Mr. M. Gotthelf, and Mr. Randle, have been in friendly negotiation with the trustees of the Bulli Disaster Relief Fund with a view to the amalgamation of the funds, and these negotiations were in progress at the close of the year. The report was adopted.

ECZEMA FROM HEAD TO FOOT.

CURED BY CUTICURA.

"When I was one month old I was taken with eczema. After being under the treatment of two doctors, my mother was advised to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I was one crust of sores from head to foot. My mother could brush the scales off my body; and my finger and toe nails fell. After using six cakes of Cuticura Soap and about as much Ointment I was completely cured. I am now seventeen years old, and my skin has not a scar.—Miss Eola Glasscock, Marksville, La., Oct. 27, 1905."

The original of the above testimonial is on file in the office of the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation. Reference: R. Towns and Co., Merchants, Sydney, N.S.W.

The attention of parents is called to the fact that the Cuticura Remedies were used on a one-month-old baby with complete success, proving what we have always claimed that these great curatives are so pure, so sweet, and so delicately medicated that they may be used on the youngest infants.—Advt.

OUR DRINKING WATER.

DR. STOKES'S REPORT.

At the ordinary meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday a long discussion took place in regard to Dr. Stokes's report on his analyses of the water in Cataract reservoir.

The president (Mr. Keele) was about to make a statement concerning the report of Dr. Stokes, when Mr. J. Garrard moved that the statement be made in committee. After some discussion, Mr. Garrard's motion was defeated.

The president said that despite representations made by the board concerning the vegetation on the catchment at Cataract very little of the vegetation had been removed. Some 15 or 20 men were working at one place, but they were engaged above the 900ft level, and they were clearing the virgin timber and scrub, which should have been done long ago. At another point several men were doing the same thing. They were not doing what the board required, viz., clearing away the vegetation. He had visited the Cataract Creek, and also the Cataract River. An attempt had been made to knock down the suckers in places, as well as some of the wattle scrub, but no serious attempt had been made to do what the board required. In his report Dr. Stokes advised that this growth should be cleared off. Having made an inspection, he thought the next best thing to do would be to see the Under-Secretary for Works, as the Minister was out of town. He, therefore, in company with the board's officers, waited on Mr. Davis. That gentleman took up the position that he had the advice of the Government engineers, and he (Mr. Keele) could see that the visit was quite useless, and that the department did not intend to do anything. The fact was there was no system. What the board wanted was that the clearing should be within 10ft or 15ft of the surface of the water. The position was serious. If their medical officer was correct, this vegetation should be removed; but as little as possible was being done in that direction by the department. Mr. Davis also complained that they did not know exactly what was wanted to be done. But this was absurd, as he had told Mr. Davis time after time that what they wanted was that all the vegetation should be removed in advance of the rising waters. One reason, perhaps, why the department had not taken action was that a report had been prepared by Mr. Hamlet, Government Analyst, in which it was stated that certain samples of water had been submitted to him by the department, and he was of opinion that the water was not so bad as the board wanted to make out. But the board, having found that the vegetation was having a deleterious effect upon the water, was perfectly right in insisting upon its removal.

Mr. Griffin wanted to know whether Dr. Stokes was distinctly of opinion that the presence of vegetation was an actual menace to the health of the public.

Dr. Stokes: I have never said it was injurious to health.

The President: Dr. Stokes said that the water contained a large amount of organic matter, and that it was a low-grade water, and if it were allowed to go into Prospect it would tend to the growth of algae thereon, and reduce the quality of the water.

After further discussion, Alderman Henley moved,—"That this board, having had under consideration the report of the president as to a recent visit made to the Cataract catchment area, and to an interview this day with the Under-Secretary for Public Works, is still strongly of opinion that as much as possible of the vegetable matter on the area should be cleared in advance of the water line, and respectfully, but earnestly, requests the Minister to allow the board to cary out this work."

Mr. Garrard seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

AUSTRALIAN LEATHER.

Much interest has been aroused in London, writes our correspondent, under date February 1, in connection with the various phases of the trouble about sugar in Australian leather, and the consequent seizure of the goods for analysis by the Customs. Mr. Coghlan informed me yesterday that he had just received from the Custom-house written confirmation of the agreement made verbally some days ago that H.M.C. would pass Australian leather containing sugar and charge duty, without examination of the goods, on the percentage stated on the label. The Agents-General of the other States concerned have been interesting themselves, and, as, I think, marking a new and significant departure, I note that communications respecting this leather matter have been passing between Captain Collins and the Colonial Office. Captain Collins has also been eliciting information from the Federal Government at Melbourne about the certificate for pure brandy for the information of people on this side. His department was, no doubt concerned as to this and the leather matter in Commerce Act aspects. Mr. Coghlan has handed me the following memorandum summarising what has taken place about this leather business in his office.

As the result of negotiations with the Customs Department in London, the Agent-General for New South Wales has received an intimation that the department will accept for purposes of duty the statements made by exporters under the provisions of the Australian Commerce Act. It will be remembered that some two months ago considerable quantities of Australian, and especially New South Wales, leathers arriving in London were refused admission as free goods on the grounds that a certificate was attached to the effect that such leathers contained percentages varying from 2 to 20 per cent. of sugar or glucose, the Customs Department demanding duty on the sugar constituents of the leather. The department considered that the certificates were without authority, and proceeded to analyse portions of the leather for the purpose of testing their correctness. As might naturally be supposed, the analyses failed to agree with the certificates. This disagreement probably arose from the fact that the portions of the leather tested were the extremities, where the sugar was liable to gather in excessive quantities; besides which there is the natural sweetness of the leather, probably amounting to 2 or 3 per cent. On attention being drawn to the discrepancies between the Customs analysis and the certificates accompanying the leather, the Customs authorities cut pieces out of the centre of the side of leather, which had the merit of obtaining a more exact average of the sugar constituents, but at the same time spoilt the hide. As the matter intimately concerned the New South Wales leather exporters, Mr. Coghlan took it up officially, and asked that if the Australian exporter was to be penalised on account of the honesty of his Government in requiring the constituents of the leather to be set forth on the certificate, the exporter from other countries where the Government was not so honest should be treated in the same way. To do this, the Customs authorities rightly considered, would be to disorganise the whole trade, as well as the New South Wales and Australian portion of it, and after giving the matter their best consideration and personally interviewing the Agent-General, the Customs authorities came to the common-sense decision of accepting the Australian certificates as being conclusive. The duty will still have to be paid upon the sugar set out as being contained in the leather, and will have to be paid so long as these certificates show that the leather contains sugar.

This decision satisfies the Agents-General and the trade generally. The duty which will be charged in most cases amounts to very little. So far as is known, the heaviest duty to be paid has been on 10 per cent. of sugar, which is equivalent to an ad valorem duty of 7s per cent.

TIRED, JADED WOMEN'S ENERGY RESTORED BY BILE BEANS.

Are there not thousands to-day toiling on bravely against sickness and depression. Through confinement, indoors, hard work, lack of fresh air, and the debilitating effect of the weather, the system becomes "run down." This results in impaired digestion, stomach troubles, headache, biliousness, and loss of appetite, with perhaps vomiting and sensations of listlessness. The surest specific is Bile Beans. Being purely vegetable, they assist assimilation and digestion, thus restoring the natural vigour, and the "jaded" feeling disappears. "Some 12 months ago," says Mrs. Sarah Lewis, of 5 Avon-street, Glebe Point, Sydney, "a friend of mine told me she had used your Bile Beans, and that they had cured her of Biliousness, and as I was at the time run down from anxiety and overwork, she advised me to try them. I needed a real "pick-me-up," as I felt as tired in the morning as when I went to bed, and my appetite was greatly impaired. In fact, I was quite done up, and did not know what to do to recover my strength. Although I was a little prejudiced against medicines in general, I was persuaded to give your Bile Beans a trial, and it is with much pleasure that I tell you that a very few of them worked a miracle with me. I began to feel the benefit at once by being quite bright after taking one or two at night, and my usual health began to return to me. I would now have no other medicine in the house." Mrs. Lewis voices the sentiments of thousands of one-time sufferers, who, thanks to Bile Beans, now hold that priceless treasure—health. Every housewife should keep a box in her medicine cupboard.—Advt.

Among the numerous illustrations in this week's "Sydney Mail" are a large portrait of Miss Tittell Brune, a set of pictures of "Robin Hood," a drama of Love and Loyalty, Public Schools Demonstration at Maitland, and School Farming at Morpeth and Pelican Island, and many others.—Advt.

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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

HOME RULE OR DEVOLUTION.

LONDON, Feb. 1.

The coming Irish controversy is throwing its shadows before. Already a League for Union Defence is being established, under the leadership of Mr. Walter Long, which is expected to combat the scheme of Devolution which the Government may present to Parliament in the forthcoming session. It is an extraordinary thing, not merely traditionally, but in actual life, that no sooner is an Irish question raised than up turns a paradox. There seems to be something humorous about sending Mr. Birrell straight from the Education Office to the rough work of the Irish Office, but it is not quite so remarkable as the fact that Mr. Long, a typical Englishman, should be the protagonist on the other side. Mr. Long is undoubtedly a very excellent specimen of the English squire. He comes of a well-known and highly-respected country family. He has the fresh-coloured face and the athletic mould which belong to the English country gentleman, and he is as straightforward and outright in speech as he is in manner. But of mental subtlety and largeness of grasp, and the capacity of looking at things before and behind—which an Irishman once declared to be a peculiarity of his countrymen when they saw straight—it is probable that he has as little as the majority of people in this imperfect world. It is, of course, to be remembered that Mr. Long was Chief Secretary for a year or two under the late Government, and that he has Irish connections, but certainly he seems by no means the sort of man to pit against Mr. Redmond and his followers. If he had had the redoubtable Colonel Saunderson as a lieutenant, something might have been done, for Colonel Saunderson at least knew how to deal with his compatriots.

THE AUSTRALIAN DINNER.

The first Australian Commonwealth banquet held in London duly took place on Monday last, at the Trocadero Restaurant. As I have before explained, the date was fixed in order that it might synchronise with that of the celebrations at Sydney. The proceedings were harmonious throughout, and the gathering included most of the representative men belonging to or interested in Australia now in London. Lord Tennyson, in accordance with the happy arrangement come to some time ago, took the chair, and there was general satisfaction at the presence of Lord Elgin, the Secretary for the Colonies. Among other men of note were Lord Brassey, General Sir Edward Hutton, the Lord Mayor of London, Captain Collins, Admiral Bowden Smith, General Finn, Sir Montague Nelson, Mr. T. J. Russell, one of the directors of the London and Westminster Bank, and most of the leading representatives of Australian shipping and financial interests. The arrangements for the dinner were generally excellent, and they included an innovation by which the ordinary long tables were dispensed with, and a number of short tables substituted. This enabled the Agents-General for each State to preside over their own particular company. Among the guests especially connected with New South Wales I may mention Sir Philip Sydney Jones, Mr. B. R. Wise, Mr. Ben Levy, of David Cohen and Co., Mr. Steenie Osborne, Mr. Villeneuve Smith, Mr. Harry Levy, of Elliott Brothers, Sir Edward Samuel, Mr. Robert Chadwick, Mr. F. Graham Lloyd, Mr. F. E. Joseph, Colonel C. F. Roberts, Mr. F. G. Sargood, and Captain Leslie Wilson, A.D.C. Altogether the company numbered about 200.

The menu at the dinner was varied and elegant, and the speeches afterwards were interesting, if not exactly epoch-making. Lord Tennyson was listened to with great attention. He spoke altogether in a most hopeful tone in regard to the future of Australia, and at points he was really eloquent, when he described his first impressions of Australia, and the fascination which its scenery had for him. He dealt in the course of his speech at some length with the different questions likely to come before the forthcoming Colonial Conference. He concluded with a warm acknowledgment of the heartiness of the Australian people, and their devotion to the mother country, and he was warmly cheered when he sat down. The Lord Mayor, Sir William Treloar—the great "carpet knight," as he has been called—followed with an amusing speech, in the course of which he humorously suggested that Australia might invite the Lord Mayor to visit the Commonwealth in state, as the Parisian Municipality recently invited him. Sir William appeared to be confident that the Lord Mayor's coach, and, if not so, the Lord Mayor's coachman, Mr. Wright, who so much delighted the Parisians, would have their due effect at the Antipodes. Certainly it is interesting to imagine the old-world procession making its way through the streets of Sydney. Lord Elgin's speech was of an official order, and appeared to fall just a little flat. Some of the company gave the palm of the evening to General Hutton, who in a very interesting speech dealt with the system of defence both in Australia and Canada. Altogether the occasion was a notable one, especially in its Federal aspect.

MINISTERS AND CONTEMPT OF COURT.

This has been rather an interesting week from a legal point of view. A Cabinet Minister has very nearly been convicted for contempt of court, and an ex-Cabinet Minister has still more narrowly escaped punishment for the same offence. In the first case the offender was Mr. John Burns, and in the other Mr. Walter Long, to whom I have referred above. There is no doubt that Mr. Long's offence was the more serious, because he dealt with a criminal instead of a civil case, and he only "saved his bacon"—it seems natural to use this metaphor in regard to an Irish question—by a disagreement among the Judges. Mr. Burns's trouble arose out of a characteristic splash into the municipal controversy which is now reaching high tide. It seems likely that the net result of these two cases will be that the question of contempt of court will be more liberally interpreted in the future than it has been in the past; at all events, in cases where there is not a direct appeal to the prejudices of a possible jury, or a deliberate attempt in any way to upset the course of justice. Nothing could be more amusing to people acquainted with the history of the House of Commons than to hear Mr. Justice Darling, the erstwhile enfant terrible of the Unionist party and the prime jester of the English Bench nowadays, solemnly and paternally rebuking his old antagonist in the House for violence and exuberance of language. It is the sort of thing that a man does not get the chance of doing without interruption until he attains judicial rank, and it is easy to imagine that Mr. Justice Darling chuckled a little after he had delivered his lecture. As to the effect which it had on the spirits of the President of the Local Government Board I am unable to say, but he had, at all events, the consolation of enjoying immediately afterwards his first "dine and sleep" at Windsor. To hear that John Burns went down to Windsor in a first-class compartment specially reserved, and was taken to the castle in a Royal carriage with a postillion, is a little interesting, and has something piquant about it. I have had the pleasure of knowing John Burns for a great many years, and I do not think any amount of this kind of thing would turn his head, although he might appreciate the extra comfort. The applause of a crowded and enthusiastic public meeting would raise the pinions of the President of the Local Government Board a good deal higher than any Court honours which could be conferred on him, although he and the present King have worked harmoniously in bygone days in philanthropic undertakings. As President of the Local Government Board, indeed, Mr. Burns has won the approval of both sides. While he has shown himself sympathetic, he has not been weak and pliable. Real distress he has worked for, but the mere impostor has suffered not a little at his hands. What will always carry "John," as they still call him in Battersea, comfortably through this world—as it has carried many men before him—is his underlying sense of humour and his sharpness of vision.

THE STRIKE AT THE HALLS.

The music hall strike continues, and, as was inevitable in the circumstances, it is having amusing developments. The London music hall artist, as everybody knows, is essentially a democrat at heart, and can make more friends in five minutes than anyone of any other class I have knowledge of. Besides, he has his own "congregation"—I think it was one of the performers at the old Oxford who first claimed this designation for his audience. As a matter of fact, although it may seem unconventional to say so, a sort of mutual affection does set itself up between a popular variety artist and his or her admirers very closely akin to that which exists between a popular pastor and his flock. It is noteworthy, for instance, that Mr. Campbell, of the City Temple, is at the present time fighting on theological grounds with the same sort of strong personal backing which Little Tich and Gus Elen are relying on in their fight against the combination of music hall proprietors. One good feature in the quarrel is the extent to which the well-paid and largely-advertised "stars" are sacrificing themselves in order to help their poorer brethren. Some of the best known of them have been distinguishing themselves by what is known in trades union language as "picketing." I believe it is a fact that a lady clad in costly furs and jewels who was distributing handbills outside one of the boycotted music halls was sent scurrying off a night or two ago by a mock writ handed to her by some of the practical jokers among her friends—the writ in question being a doubled up music hall programme. She emphatically declared that whatever else she did, she was not going to "do time," an obvious reference to the experiences of the lady suffragists who have been "doing time" for what they regard as their convictions. It is a big stride no doubt from the higher criticism to the disputes of the variety stage, but, after all, the man who understood all men has told us that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

MINISTERIAL SECTION.

The ministerial section of the Methodist Conference met yesterday morning in the Centenary Hall under the presidency of the Rev. John Penman.

The Queensland Conference telegram re exchanges was read, and the Conference agreed, "That we inform the Queensland Conference that we cannot effect any further exchanges this year."

The second reading of stations was proceeded with, but was not finished when the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The secretary of the Conference (Rev. J. Woodhouse) read a letter from the Independent Order of Good Templars referring to the "immense importance of the no-license issue" and the desirability of setting apart a minister for the advocacy of temperance reform. The matter was referred to the temperance and morals committee.

The Rev. W. H. Beale submitted the report of the committee of procedure, which, with some slight discussion and alteration, was adopted.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

The report of the committee of inquiry (section A) appointed by the General Conference of 1904 was laid upon the table. It read:—

After careful consideration we recognise that the most direct, intelligible, and effective policy on which to administer the supernumerary fund is to begin by fixing a minimum scale of annuities as a provision for our aged ministers and their widows. We recognise also that the living Church is a contributory of a different type from ministers, and that the difference justifies a different method of treatment with respect to its contributions to the fund. We therefore recommend:—1. That for the purposes of administration the fund shall be divided into two departments, to be called respectively the annuitant and auxiliary departments, to be managed as one fund. 2. That scale C be provisionally the scale of annuities, 40 per cent. of the amount to be provided by the annuitant and 60 per cent. by the auxiliary departments respectively. Furniture grants shall also be provided by the auxiliary department. 3. That from the capital of the fund an amount equal to the liabilities of the annuitant department, calculated upon a 3½ per cent. basis and upon the present ministers' subscriptions, be credited to this department, and the remainder to the auxiliary department. 4. That every minister in active service shall be required to contribute to the annuitant department an annual premium sufficient, on actuarial calculation, to secure the provision that will be made by this department, which shall be managed on strictly actuarial principles. The surplus interest earned by this department, together with all gains which may be found on periodical examination to exist in respect of improved experience, may be applied as the general conference shall direct in increasing annuities payable out of this department, or in reduction of subscriptions, or both. 5. For the purposes of the auxiliary department a direct levy per minister shall be made on the funds of the circuits, departments, and institutions to which ministers are appointed, the amount of which levy, together with earnings of capital and other income, shall provide for not less than 60 per cent. of the annuities. The annual balances to be added to the capital. 6. That the income from levies (£11 10s per minister, as at present), and earnings of capital credited to the auxiliary department, legacies, contributions from bookrooms, and other benefactions, shall be available for meeting the allowances and other charges on this department. 7. That 40 per cent. of the working expenses be charged to the annuitant department, and 60 per cent. to the auxiliary department. 8. That the capital of the two departments of the fund be invested together as one fund, and the earnings shall be divided, and credited pro rata to the income of each department in proportion to its share of the capital. Nota Bene.—The auxiliary method, as above proposed, is not a scheme for the annual distribution of all income received, nor is it an adaptation of the assessment principle. It contemplates the fixing of the Church contribution at a stable sum, the funding of surplus income, and the accumulation of sufficient reserves to meet a possibly increasing burden of superannuations in the future. But it does not contemplate such severe reserves as will provide, at the expense of annuities or subscriptions, or both, for the contingency of "the last life" occurring, and the fund thereby becoming exhausted.

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers, Conference treasurer of the fund, moved:—1. That the report of the New South Wales consultative committee of the supernumerary fund be adopted as a recommendation to the General Conference; that the same with appendices be printed for the information of the members of the General Conference. 2. That the report and recommendation of section A of the committee of inquiry be included in the minutes of Conference as the basis of a recommendation to the General Conference on the subject."

The motion was seconded by Mr. F. Over.

The report of the consultative committee referred to recommended:—

That the report and statement presented by the committee of inquiry be adopted, subject to an amendment of clause 2 of the report, in relation to the scale of annuities to be paid.

That, in the judgment of this committee, the annuities payable under scale C are inadequate, as may be seen from the fact that after 30 years of service the annuity is £75 8s 6d, and after 33 years (the present average age of retirement), £83 10s 6d. That the scale to be now adopted provide for an improvement of at least 10 per cent. on scale C, 40 per cent. to be provided by the annuitant and 60 per cent. by the auxiliary departments respectively. Furniture grants shall also be provided by the auxiliary department. The committee also declares that as soon as the satisfactory working of the fund upon the new basis will permit, the annuities should be increased to the scale obtaining in 1893.

That in connection with the annuitant fund, provision for a second wife shall be made according to a table similar in principle to that obtaining in connection with the annuitant society of the British Wesleyan Conference.

In relation to the auxiliary fund, that arrangements be made whereby for the payment of a reasonable amount to cover years of juniority, widows of remarried ministers shall be entitled to the full benefits of the auxiliary fund.

We recommend that in the case of a minister who is a widower dying, and leaving young children for whom a home has to be provided, a furniture grant of the usual amount shall be made for their benefit.

In the case of ministers who have returned to circuit work after having been supernumeraries, and who have paid back half the furniture grant received by them, they shall be entitled on superannuation to one-half of the amount at the time obtaining as furniture grant.

MR. ROBSON'S AMENDMENT.

The Hon. W. Robson moved as an amendment:—

That the conference, having considered the report of the general conference committee of inquiry on the supernumerary fund, resolves:—(1) That the conference is gratified to learn from the report of Mr. Carment, the actuary, that the position of the supernumerary fund has so improved that it is equal to the payment of scale C of benefits. (2) That the conference its of opinion that the fund should continue to be administered on an actuarial basis without any division, believing that to be the most equitable basis upon which a superannuation fund can be conducted. (3) That the ministers' subscriptions and circuit levies together with the annuities as per scale C and furniture grants be continued as at present.

Mr. R. S. Callaghan seconded the motion.

The question was debated at length throughout the afternoon and evening sessions. The closure having been applied, the amendment was negatived by 89 votes to 23, and the motion was carried by 90 votes to 21.

It was resolved that a telegram of congratulation be sent to the Victorian Conference on the successful result of the foreign mission effort.

The Conference at 9.20 p.m. adjourned till 9 o'clock the following day.

RAILWAY INSTITUTE.

The following have been elected officers of the Railway Institute:—President, Mr. H. McLachlan; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Brooks, D. C. Williamson, and W. J. Ellis; secretary, Mr. J. C. Harford; treasurer, Mr. H. Mortimer; house committee, Messrs. G. Kay, P. J. Lipman, J. M'Evoy, A. G. Neate, H. Sherlock, W. G. Thomas, and H. J. Windon; class committee, Messrs. H. Carruthers, H. B. Howe, W. Glanville, J. Mars, T. L. M'Gowen, H. Rose, and R. Scott; library committee, Messrs. H. Easton, J. O. Ellis, T. Hall, J. Horan, A. E. Jobson, E. Silcocks, and E. B. Taylor; reading-room committee, Messrs. A. Crow, H. Gould, A. J. Harvey, F. Moore, W. E. Newel, C. O. Osgood, and W. S. Short; budget committee, Messrs. F. Vogel and D. C. Williamson.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

IN BANCO.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson, Mr. Justice Pring, and Mr. Acting Justice Rogers.)

A SOLOMON ISLANDS TROUBLE.
ACTION FOR WRONGFUL ARREST.
PLAINTIFF'S VERDICT SET ASIDE.
NONSUIT ENTERED.

Hazelton v Potter.

Mr. Scholes and Mr. Piddington, instructed by Mr. J. V. Tillett (Crown Solicitor), appeared for the defendant, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi, by which plaintiff had been called upon to show cause why the verdict found in his favour should not be set aside, and the verdict for the defendant or a nonsuit entered, or the amount of the verdict reduced, or in the alternative, why a new trial should not be granted. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Messrs. M'Evilly and M'Evilly, appeared for the plaintiff, in support of the verdict. The action, which was tried before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four, in June last, was brought by William Henry Hazelton against Alfred Potter, Superintendent of Police, to recover £1000 compensation, for alleged assault and false imprisonment. The circumstances out of which the action arose have already been published. The defendant pleaded not guilty, justification under a telegram, and also the warrant which was handed to the police here on arrival of the Moresby, justification under the warrant which defendant believed was a good warrant, signed at Gizo, and that a month's notice of plaintiff's intention to bring the action was not given by him. In his replication plaintiff set out that the acts complained of were committed in pursuance of an illegal warrant signed outside the territory over which the person signing it had jurisdiction, and that the sentence under the warrant at Gizo was cancelled. The question of damages being by consent left to the jury, they returned a verdict in favour of the plaintiff, with damages £229 6s 6d.

The defendant now appealed on various grounds.

Mr. Ferguson, in replying to Mr. Scholes's argument, said it was quite clear that when a trespass such as that complained of in this case had been committed, the person who committed it must justify under the law of the land, and he contended that defendant here could not justify his action under the law of this State. The warrant under which he acted was bad, because if any order in counsel authorised the issue of such a warrant it was invalid, as it went beyond the limit of the jurisdiction given to the protectorate. The Orders in Council were only operative within a certain portion of the Pacific Ocean, and the islands therein, and could not extend to New South Wales or the adjoining States. The only warrant that could be issued was one directing the plaintiff to be conveyed to Fiji, but there was no such warrant in evidence here. There was no such power under the warrant by virtue of which plaintiff was taken into custody in Sydney. The allegation that the defendant was merely acting in aid of Robertson, the supercargo who was in charge of Hazelton, as directed by the warrant, was not tenable because all that the officer was instructed to do was to convey Hazelton to Sydney, and when Robertson handed his charge over at Sydney he was functus officio. He also submitted that the plea of want of notice was also bad.

Mr. Scholes: My point is that on the second warrant we were entitled to a nonsuit, inasmuch as we did not receive notice of the action.

Mr. Justice Simpson: Are you willing to admit, Mr. Ferguson, that if defendant honestly believed in the existence of a state of facts which, if they had existed, would have amounted to a defence in law, he would be entitled to notice?

Mr. Ferguson: Yes, under a law which gave him a right to notice; but I am going to argue that he had no right in any event under this warrant.

Mr. Justice Simpson: In other words, you admit this, do you not, that defendant would be entitled to notice if he honestly believed in the existence of a state of facts, which, if they had existed, would have justified him under the Orders in Council?

Mr. Ferguson: Subject to my contention that he has no right to any notice under the Orders in Council, and that article 139 of the Orders in Council does not apply at all to a proceeding in this State.

Mr. Scholes: I rely upon article 139.

Mr. Ferguson submitted that the Legislature of the Pacific Islands could not by law regulate the proceedings in this State. Article 19 said it was not intended to do so, and all the Orders in Council must be read subject to articles 4 and 6, which set out the limit, namely, the Pacific Ocean and the islands and places therein, and excluded any other British possession and its territorial waters.

Mr. Scholes: I submit that by our common law defendant had justification, notwithstanding that the second warrant was illegal, having been issued in the Brisbane River.

Mr. Ferguson said that the only statute that could afford any justification was one in force here, or a statute passed by the Imperial or Commonwealth Parliaments. But an Act of the leislature of the Pacific Islands would have no more validity here than an Act passed by the State of Victoria or the French legislature.

Mr. Justice Simpson: We are all agreed, subject to what Mr. Scholes may say in reply, that there was no necessity for notice in such a case as this, and, therefore, the only point is whether the warrant was a justification for the arrest of plaintiff by defendant.

Mr. Ferguson contended that the procedure had no validity in its beginning, and that being so there was no jurisdiction which would give protection to defendant or anybody else who took plaintiff into custody.

Mr. Scholes replied and submitted that it was not a question of procedure touching our courts at all, and article 139 of the Orders in Council did not touch the procedure in our courts in any way. He submitted further that article 139, when it said "his Majesty's courts," meant actions brought in any of his Majesty's courts for anything done under the Orders in Council. Defendant was, therefore, protected. He cited Attorney-General of Canada v Pain and Gilhula, 1906, Privy Council Appeals, 542.

Mr. Justice Simpson: What state of facts do you say defendant honestly believed to exist, and which, if they existed, would be a good defence under some law, and entitle defendant to notice of the action?

Mr. Scholes said that, first of all, defendant honestly and reasonably believed that plaintiff had been convicted at Gizo, and he also honestly and reasonably believed everything stated in the warrant which was placed in his hands. He also believed that the warrant was dated at Gizo; also that it was under the seal and signed by a Judge of his Majesty's High Commissioners' Court at the Solomon Islands, and stated that Hazleton was properly convicted of an offence, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Further, defendant honestly believed that he was on the way to Fiji for the purpose of serving his sentence, and that he (defendant) was called upon by the Judge of the Court at Gizo to aid the person who was removing Hazleton, under article 112 of the Orders in Council, and under the warrant to receive, detain, and convey the said person named therein in the manner thereby directed. He also honestly and reasonably believed that he was giving effect to a sentence by a Court exercising criminal jurisdiction. The Order in Council protected him, because he was acting in aid of the person holding the warrant, and he also argued that defendant was justified by the common law in the action he took. The warrant was good on the face of it, and the defendant was not bound to find out whether it was legal or not.

Mr. Justice Simpson said he was of opinion that under article 139 of the Pacific Orders in Council of March 15, 1893, no action in respect of what was done by defendant Potter could be maintained unless notice in writing was given by the plaintiff to defendant at least one clear month before commencing proceedings. He had arrived at this conclusion with some doubt, but that being his opinion a nonsuit must be entered. If defendant honestly believed—as he thought he did—in the existence of a state of facts which if they existed would have been a good defence to the action, he was entitled to notice. He could not be expected to view the warrant as a lawyer would, and though it was not in accordance with the requirements of the 112th article of the Orders in Council, he must be taken to have reasonably, or, at all events, honestly, believed that it was one for the transmission and deportation of plaintiff from Gizo to Fiji by reason of the commission of the offence named in the warrant, and that he was carrying out the provisions of the warrant under article 112.

Mr. Justice Pring said he regretted that he was unable to agree with his Honor. He thought the verdict was perfectly correct on the facts. The 6th article, in pursuance of which the order was made, referred only to the Western Pacific and the islands therein, and did not apply to any other portion of his Majesty's dominions. New South Wales was therefore excluded, and defendant was not entitled to notice of the action, as article 139 did not apply to the Courts of this State. It was perfectly clear that Oliphant, in issuing the warrant on the Brisbane River, acted entirely beyond his jurisdiction, and therefore the warrant afforded no protection to defendant or anyone else. He thought therefore that the rule should be discharged.

Mr. Acting Justice Rogers concurred with Mr. Justice Simpson.

Rule absolute, with costs, setting aside the verdict for plaintiff, and entering a nonsuit.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before the Chief Judge in Equity, Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS.

Welsbach Light Company v Grace Brothers.

Mr. Knox, K.C., and Mr. Leverrier, instructed by Mr. V. le Gay Brereton, appeared for the plaintiff; and Dr. Sly and Mr. Mann, instructed by Messrs. Leibius and Black, for the defendants. This was an application by the Welsbach Light Company of Australasia, Limited, for an injunction restraining the defendants, Joseph Neal Grace and Albert Edward Grace, from manufacturing or selling certain network incandescent mantles, which the plaintiffs claimed were infringements of letters patent belonging to them. They also asked that an inquiry might be granted as to the damages sustained by the plaintiff company by such wrongful conduct. The defendants did not admit that letters patent were assigned as alleged, the invention not being new, but having been anticipated in British letters patent granted in 1885 and 1886, and in a New South Wales patent granted in 1886. They also denied that the hoods sold by them were made in accordance with the alleged specification, or that they constituted an infringement of the plaintiff company's alleged rights.

The case stands part heard.

IN PROBATE.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

A QUESTION OF PROBATE.

Morgan v Killingback.

Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Mr. H. T. Morgan, appeared for the plaintiff, Alfred Joseph Morgan; and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Dalrymple and Blain, for the defendant, Mary Julia Killingback. This was a suit in which the plaintiff, as sole executor of the will of John Brand, late of Burwood, labourer, who died on November 11, 1906, sought probate of the will, which was dated November 1, 1905. The defendant, in her defence, pleaded that testator was not of sound mind, memory, and understanding at the time the alleged will was made, and that he did not know and approve of its contents. It appeared that the deceased left a widow and four children by a former wife, one of them being a Mrs. Hogan, and another the defendant. Mrs. Hogan was the sole beneficiary under the will. It was also stated that testator was 82 years of age when he died. The value of the estate was approximately £600, and consisted of house property.

After plaintiff's case in chief had closed,

Defendant gave evidence that testator was twice married, and that his first wife, her mother, took in lodgers and made feather beds, while her father, the testator, worked on the railways. The father and mother bought properties at Redfern and Erskineville, and the title deeds were made out in their joint names, while with respect to a property in Burwood the title deeds were made out in testator's name. Her mother died in 1889, leaving a will. After her death testator said that the two sons should have the property at Redfern between them, that witness should have the Erskineville property, and that her sister Amelia (Mrs. Hogan) should have that at Burwood. He repeated that on many occasions up to the Saturday night previous to his death in 1906. Some time after his second marriage he told witness that each of the four children would have to pay 3s 4½d a week for the support of the second Mrs. Brand, so as to give her an income of 13s 6d a week. During the last twelve months of his life testator was very particular about his religious duties. He attended St. Paul's Church, Redfern, for a time, but left it on the ground that he did not like the high altar, the candles, and the flowers, and went to the Methodist Church in Regent-street for a couple of months. He left that church because they were always "cadging," and then attended services in the parks and at street corners. For four years before his death testator was failing. She believed, in view of his often-repeated statements that the children would all get their own, that when testator made the will now in contest he intended to leave Mrs. Hogan the Burwood property.

Several other witnesses were examined, but the taking of evidence had not concluded when the Court rose.

ARBITRATION COURT.

FERRY EMPLOYEES' CLAIMS.

Firemen and Deck Hands' Association of New South Wales v the Sydney Ferries, Ltd.

Mr. T. Rose for the claimant association; and Mr. Broomfield (instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co.) for the respondent company.

The association claimed that men acting as firemen and greasers should receive an increase from £2 2s to £2 10s; firemen employed at firing only from £1 15s to £2; firemen on boats carrying no deckhands from £2 to £2 5s; deckhands on the Parramatta ferries to £1 16s, and those on the Sydney ferries £1 10s. It was further claimed that 48 instead of 60 hours should constitute a week's work, and extra work be paid for at the rate of time and a half, all work on Sundays and public holidays to be classed as overtime, and deckhands working a "long Sunday" to have the following Sunday off. The public holidays were defined as Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Eight Hours Day, and King's Birthday. The association also claimed that preference should be given to unionists, if applicants for employment were equal in other respects.

The case stands part heard.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Thomas James O'Brien. Adjourned to the 20th inst.

Re Edward Farrar Hardwick. Struck out, bankrupt not appearing.

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re John James Melchisedec Marks. Mr. Cowlishaw appeared for the applicant, Julia Marks, widow of bankrupt, and after hearing affidavits and the report of the official assignee, the Registrar made an order releasing the estate from sequestration.

MOTION UNDER SECTION 61.

Re William Robert Matheson. The Registrar said he proposed to make an order for the payment of 10s per fortnight out of bankrupt's earnings, the first payment to be made on April 1, and ordered the usual letter to be drafted to the head of the postal department in this State. The matter was then adjourned to the 20th inst.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Hugh Hector M'Callum. Bankrupt was examined, and the single meeting closed, and the public examination was declared concluded.

Re Henry Frederick Huet. Bankrupt gave evidence, and the single meeting closed, and the public examination was adjourned to 13th inst.

Re William John Finneran. Adjourned to 13th inst, after bankrupt had given evidence.

Re Charles Cadet. Adjourned to 14th inst.

Re Patrick Joseph Moy. Adjourned to the following day.

Re Thomas Price. Adjourned to April 10.

CREDITOR'S PETITION.

Herbert Edward Lord, of Darlinghurst-road, Sydney, general agent, v William Lee, of Bathurst, grazier. Petition to be heard on March 15.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. H. A. G. Curry, and Commissioners C. Brandis and W. Houston.)

BALLOT FOR PRIORITY.

Mr. Carroll appeared for H. E. Judd, and Mr. Pike for Stephen Joseph Hennessy. This was an application for the settlement of a case for the Supreme Court in the appeal against the decision of the local land board, Forbes, to the Crown Lands agent to hold a fresh ballot to determine the priority of certain applications lodged by John Joseph Broderick, Patrick Leo Broderick, and Stephen Joseph Hennessy, for portion 64, of 977 acres, parish of Jaragong, county of Ashburnham. Mr. Pike took the preliminary objection that he had not been furnished with a statement of the case within the prescribed time. The Court reserved its decision on the point raised.

CASES FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. Garland appeared for R. Hair in the matter of appeals by Berchold Theodore Immanuel Weisner against the confirmation of Robert Hair's c.p. lease application, No. 1906-26 and 1906-27, Wagga Wagga, and the appeal of Albert Paul August Reiher, against the confirmation of Robert Hair's c.p. lease application, No. 1906-25, Wagga Wagga. The matter was left for the Court to settle the terms of the special case.

EXCHANGE OF SELECTIONS.

Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Freeman for the respondent. This was a reference by the Parkes Land Board for direction in respect of William Joseph Bole's application for permission to exchange his additional homestead selection, No. 1904-76, Parkes, for John Collier's homestead selection, No. 97-14, Parkes.

Decision was reserved.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—Motions generally, Motions, etc.: In re Andrew Brown, ex parte the Attorney-General (attachment for contempt), part heard; in re Ernest R. Abigail and John Kiely, gent., etc.; ex parte Incorporated Law Institute (to answer affidavits, etc.), part heard; in re gent., one, etc., ex parte Incorporated Law Institute (to answer affidavits, etc.); in re gent., one, etc., ex parte Incorporated Law Institute (to answer affidavits, etc.).

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Price v Robinson, 11 a.m. Before the Chief Clerk: Cogger v Cogger, 10.15 a.m.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.—The sittings for the trial of causes in the Banco Court and Nos. 1 and 2 Jury Courts are hereby postponed from Monday, the 11th day of March, inst., to Monday the 18th day of March, inst, and the Full Court will sit as of the first term from Monday, the 11th day of March, inst, to Friday, the 15th day of March, inst, both days included, to hear matters now pending in the term list only; provided, however, that Saturday, the 9th day of March, inst, shall for all purposes be the last day of first term.—Fredk. M. Darley, C.J.; G. B. Simpson, J.; Robert D. Pring, J.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Welsbach Light Co. v Grace, part heard. Before the Master in Equity—At 11 a.m.: Bourke v Bourke, to proceed on accounts (part heard). Before the Chief Clerk in Equity—At 11 a.m.: Bluejacket Gold Mining Company, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Scott, Sibbald, and Co., Ltd., to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before his Honor the Probate Judge, at No. 1 Jury Court, at 10 a.m.: Probate suit, Morgan v Killingback (part heard). The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office: —George Robinson Elliott, 10.30; James M'Geachie, 12; Charles Ritchie, 12.30.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce, in No. 1 Jury Court—At 10—For judgment: Egan v Egan, Godfrey v Godfrey (Wilson co-respondent), and motions, etc.

In Lunacy.—Before the Chief Clerk.—10.15 a.m. to 12 noon: General inquiries and maintenance matters.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.—Certificate application: Cyril Hungerford. Public examination: Patrick Joseph Moy, trading as P. J. Moy and Co. Single meeting: John Dennis Ahearn. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Taxation of debtor's costs, the assigned estate of W. A. Barnes.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members, in the Probate Court, Chancery-square.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: Firemen's and Deckhands' Association of New South Wales, claimant, and Sydney Ferries, Limited, respondent (part heard).

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Murray, at 10 a.m.: Beech v Massey Harris Co., Ltd. (part heard): Smith v Delarue, Ltd.; Macharg v Williams; Johns v the Rand Gold Mines, L.; Yulle v Burns; Johns v Plucknett.

Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: M'Kenzie v Grace. At noon: Rigden v Rowan.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Appeals of Bridget Walsh and Margaret Cook, breach Liquor Act; Mary Ann M'Gown, vagrancy; Edward Buckley, vagrancy; Walter Burton Andrew, vagrancy; George Markham, vagrancy; May Clarke, vagrancy; Kate Brown, vagrancy; Ethel Benfield, vagrancy; Louisa Stewart, stealing from the person; Ray Brown, assaulting a constable; George Davidson, disobeying an order.

CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Before the Acting Collector of Customs (Mr. J. Baxter).—At 10 a.m.: The following cases will be dealt with under part XV. of the Customs Act, 1901, and part XIII. of the Excise Act, 1901:—Part XV.: Stanton Melick, Sydney, misdescription of goods; P. T. Holborow, of the firm of P. R. Hudson, undervaluation. Part XIII.: H. S. Headly, brewer, Wagga Wagga, breach of sections 45 and 49 of the Excise Act.

NEW ZEALAND ART COLLECTION

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I hope it will be found possible to accede to the request of the deputation of yesterday, re the above, and I would plead specially for the students of architecture and decorative art. This branch of art has been too much neglected by us. When I was a student in London I spent, with others, much time in the evenings sketching from casts and old examples, and studying drawings of architecture in the electric-lighted courts of the museums. Our students have no such opportunities here, and what is urgently required is a permanent court, in connection with our Art Gallery, filled with well-selected casts, replicas, or originals of antique furniture, mosaics, and ironwork, architectural and decorative ornaments, etc.

Many a talented young student is cramped here for want of opportunity to study. The advantages available in older countries, to those who have been able to afford to travel, have resulted in many of our youngsters turning out brilliant, and a credit to any country. Those who cannot travel are handicapped, and it is for those that I would urge, not only the opportunity of seeing the N.Z. collection, but also the establishment of a permanent collection of treasures of decorative and architectural art.

Amongst much that is of merit in our recent architectural development there is a good deal that is meretricious simply for the want of a proper grounding in what is really the grammar of design—the study of the antique.

I am, etc., H. JOSELAND.

March 5.

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STOMACH AND INTESTINAL WORMS

AFFLICT BOTH OLD AND YOUNG.

Stomach and Intestinal Worms are one of the most common complaints throughout Australasia. Indigestion is a primary cause, following upon the abnormal consumption of animal food.

Worms may be produced by Constipation, or through the eating of tainted food, or food improperly cooked. There is also the possibility of their introduction into the system in the form of cysts or germs in fruit and meat; so that all classes of the community, irrespective of age, are liable to this complaint.

Cats and dogs, which habitually suffer from worms, are frequently responsible for the conveyance of this complaint; and parents cannot be too careful in allowing their children to make pets of these animals.

It is authentically stated that there are upwards of forty various kinds of Worms which infest the human system, but the most common are the Pin or Small Thread Worm, the Long Thread Worm, the Long Round Worm, and the Tape Worm.

The two former kinds are very prevalent, and are accountable for much of the fretfulness and irritability both in children and adults, and although they do not directly harm the system, they do so indirectly by causing distress and irritation that wears and tears the nerves, and makes the cross and crying child, the bad-tempered schoolboy, the short-tempered woman, and the irritable, nervous man. The Long Round Worm, which inhabits the stomach and small intestines, gives cause for more serious alarm, as it afflicts its victim both bodily and mentally. These Worms measure from three inches to twelve inches in length, and as many as twelve of these have been expelled from a child of three years of age. The Tape Worm is generally supposed to originate from cysts conveyed into the system in meat from an infested animal.

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are a safe, sure, and reliable remedy for the eradication of Worms in Children and Adults. They are prepared in the form of a confection or lolly, have no disagreeable taste or smell, but, on the contrary, inspire children to take them as they would an ordinary lozenge. Obtainable at all chemists and stores, or by post only from the W. H. Comstock Co., Ltd., 58 Pitt-street, Sydney. Price, 1/6 per box (6 boxes 8/6).

WRITE FOR BOOKLET.

WOMEN'S WORLD.



With the advance of education and cheap and quick means of transit, and more particularly the shorter hours under the Early Closing Act, the tendency has increased for girls and young women to prefer business or office work rather than undertaking household duties, or adopting household work as a means of livelihood. Yet the work of a saleswoman, or clerk in the office, or the work in the factory causes a continuous strain on the system. The constant repetition of routine work at high speed, with little or no relaxation, from 8 o'clock in the morning till 6 o'clock at night, racks the brain and body.

Under modern conditions, with the Factory Act and the Early Closing Act in force, city life would not appear to have the detrimental effects which existed years ago. But to-day the hustle and bustle caused by greater competition necessitates a higher tension, closer attention, and greater speed. On the other hand, the housemaid and the lady help—an interminable subject of discussion, and the bane of the housewife's life—have their troubles. They assert that they are working from early morning till late at night, and are always tired and worn out. The housewife herself is not always to be envied, for if she be the mother of a large family she is weighted down with cares and worries. Her housework is often beyond her strength, yet if she studies her work and puts it on a business basis and manages well, she can perhaps take half an hour or an hour's complete rest in the middle of the day, and thus recuperate her energies.

It is this complete relaxation which all women require, and those engaged in household duties have an advantage in this respect over the business woman.

The tired woman should adopt the plan of lying on her back without pillow or bolster, letting every muscle be passive, loose, and unlumbered. Put a damp cloth over the eyes to rest them, and think of nothing, forgetting all plans and cares, and remaining in that position for at least half an hour daily.

Australian girls are renowned for their fresh and healthy complexions, at least until they arrive at the period of womanhood. Then, alas, there is a serious falling off in their good looks. It is at this period that so many girls go out into the world to follow some occupation, and the cause of the sallow complexion is often attributed to the tax of new duties. They exhibit signs of nervousness and frequent headaches, the eyes become encircled with black lines, which often sorely trouble the anxious parent. At irregular intervals they suffer so much that their strength leaves them, and their prostration takes days to overcome. It is this periodic distress and constant suffering which reacts upon the beauty of our womenfolk, and tells its own tale of a disorganised system and of womanly weakness. The sick woman cannot be beautiful, for her looks are generally in sympathy, and pity her.

To women who have ills and pains, who suffer the tortures of irregular conditions, the following letter from Nurse Johnstone, whose training and experience entitle her to rank next to a physician as an authority, should afford a strong ray of hope:—

"I have much pleasure in recommending your splendid remedy, Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills, the merits of which are supported by my own personal experience. For ten years I have used them occasionally, and they have assisted Nature in fulfilment of her functions during my advancing years. I am now 60 years of age, and enjoy wonderful health, and am entirely free from ache or pain. During the past ten years in my capacity as a nurse I have always recommended your Pills, and I still do so, as they are a gentle but sure and effective medicine, suitable for young and old. I am sure if the young women would only use your remedy occasionally, and study their health, there would be far less sickly and ailing wives. They would do well to take a course of these pills, and endeavour to overcome their weaknesses, and thus, in the years after the period of child-bearing, they might live in comfort, free from the ailments which so many are afflicted with in their declining years. Again, I heartily recommend your remedy to women especially, through the medium of this statement, which you may publish in any way you desire."—(Signed) Nurse Johnstone, Hackett-street, Charters Towers, Queensland.

Women at all times are more or less subject to weakness, brought about by Indigestion and Pelvic Disorders, and in the course of her profession a nurse sees much suffering, much of which could be avoided. The above strong recommendation to young women and young wives, and also to mothers, and those who are passing into the declining years of old age, is earnest advice given from conscientious motives, having nothing to gain herself but the goodwill of her fellow-beings.

Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are a safe, sure, and reliable remedy, prescribed by doctors, recommended by nurses, and praised by thousands of women, who have been restored to health through the gentle aid and marvellous curative properties of these Pills. They assist Nature in driving all impurities out of the system, ensuring a free and regular condition, and restoring the organs of the body to health and strength.

Women of the highest type, women of superior education and refinement, whose sane discernment and good judgment give weight and force to their opinions, highly eulogise the wonderful corrective and curative properties of Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills. Throughout the many stages of Women's Life, from girlhood, through the ordeals of motherhood to the declining years, there is no safer or more reliable remedy.

Years ago Pills were the medicine of the poor only. To-day the efficacy of Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills to overcome the common ailments and to restore health and happiness to sick and ailing women has convinced not only the working section of the population, but the wives and daughters of the more wealthy, professional, and independent classes, that Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are Woman's Best Friend, and are absolutely indispensable to every lady's boudoir.

POLICE COURTS.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Thomas Barnett, 30, clerk, was charged at the Water Police Court, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., yesterday, with being on December 27 last a clerk to W. Gardiner and Co., Limited, and that he did by virtue of his employment embezzle the sum of £14 2s 3d, the property of his employers. Accused, who elected to be dealt with summarily, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour, which sentence was however suspended under the first offenders clauses of the Crimes Act upon his finding the necessary sureties to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

A BOGUS COLLECTOR.

John Casey, 53, labourer, was at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., charged with having on February 27 last imposed upon Robert Fowler by means of a false representation that he was collecting subscriptions on behalf of the widow and four children of one Henry Chamberlain, who was killed whilst following his occupation as a carpenter. Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

THEFT OF SHOES.

Ellen Sharp, 60, a housekeeper, appeared before Mr. C. W. Payten, S.M., yesterday, at the Water Police Court, to answer a charge of stealing four pairs of children's shoes of the value of 11s 6d, the property of John Hunter and Son, Limited, on March 4. Accused was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

Before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., yesterday, at the Water Police Court, Michael Fearon, 27, was fined £3, with the alternative of 21 days' imprisonment, for having unlawfully assaulted Constable Henry John Spencer whilst in the execution of his duty on March 4.

ALLEGED BURGLARY.

At the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, Ida Brooks, 20, a servant, was charged with burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Lillie Ryan, Uther-street, and stealing a quantity of clothing, valued at £8, on March 4. Accused, according to the statement of the arresting constable, was wearing part of the clothing alleged to have been stolen at the time of her arrest. The prosecutrix stated that she locked up the house and put the key on a window-sill. On her return she found that the house had been entered and the articles missing. The key was on the sill. Accused had seen prosecutrix place the key on the window-sill. She was committed for trial.

EARLY CLOSING ACT.

Samuel Rowley, an occupant of premises situate in the Queen Victoria Markets, was proceeded against at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon for a breach of the Early Closing Act. It was alleged that he employed a shop assistant for more than a half-hour after closing time, contrary to the provisions of the Act. Evidence given by Isabella Golding, an inspector under the Act, was to the effect that she visited defendant's shop at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23. A shop assistant named Williams was in the shop. Defendant came in and said that he had been so busy that Williams volunteered to come back and do the work, and defendant permitted him. Witness told defendant that he knew that he could not do that, as he had been previously warned. Williams stated that defendant did not ask him to work back that day. He was entering up the books to pass the time away. Defendant was fined 5s, with 6s costs, or 48 hours' imprisonment.

THE BURDEN OF THE TEACHER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In the series of papers recently published in your columns one phase which causes discontent among the teaching body was not touched upon.

Suppose a teacher does reach a salary of £180 he is not certain of retaining the pay, because of a regulation that fixes the class of school. Here is a case in point. Eleven years ago my school ranked seventh, and did so for the previous seven years under my charge. On the advent of the Public Service Board the rank was reduced, though all the circumstances were the same, and I was made to suffer (and am still suffering, after 38 years' service) a loss of £24 a year by the retrenchment scheme carried out by that body, not because of any inefficiency on my part, but, as I have always held, I was one of the helpless victims of the time.

The Director of Education lays stress upon "long experience," meaning "long stagnation" in his last published report. Where is the cheer in my case? I am, etc.,

CRUX.

Your food does you little good when you have no desire for it—when you dread meal time. What you need is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets, for they will sharpen your appetite and strengthen the digestive organs. —Advt.

The double page of this week's "Sydney Mail" has four splendid pictures, including a general view of the Nepean River, Scene on the River Bank, Towns's Training Quarters, Competitors Shaking Hands at the Finish of the Race.—Advt.

Stock Exchange investors and speculators should never miss the Notes in the "Sydney Mail" dealing with the Stock and Share Market. The advice and hints given in the article are well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

EPPING NEEDS.

An agitation, instigated by the Progress Association, is on foot to secure an entrance at the northern end of the Epping railway station, in lieu of the present one, which is at the southern end, and which involves not only a roundabout journey to the majority of passengers travelling to and fro, but a climb of 32 steps. A petition asking for the new entrance, and pointing out the advantages it would afford over the present means of ingress and egress, is being extensively signed, and will be laid before the Railway Commissioners by deputation. A proposal to have High-street and Railway-street lit with gas, owing to the prevailing darkness in this thickly populated part of the district being inconvenient to many, and calculated moreover to retard progress, has been taken up warmly by the local Progress Association.

RYDE MUNICIPALITY.

Mr. James Park has been elected unopposed to fill the vacancy in the Ryde Council caused by the resignation of Mr. W. Thompson (Central Ward). The council decided at its last meeting, on a minute submitted by the Mayor, to intimate to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in view of the forthcoming inquiry relative to the extension of the tramway to the Ryde district, that it would be prepared to supply from its own quarry all the metal that would be required for the construction of the line at 3s 6d per cubic yard, delivered on the bank, and broken to 2½in gauge.

ASHFIELD MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Alderman R. Stanton (Mayor Ashfield), on the eve of his retirement from office on February 26, submitted his annual report. A large portion of the report dealt with the finances, and it was pointed out that the various accounts which were generally in debit at the beginning of the year, were now in credit. Arrears of rates totalled over £2000 at the beginning of the year, and about £1500 had been collected as the result of special efforts. The sanitary service had been improved, and cheapened, and a saving of £78 per annum had been effected in connection with the sanitary inspection of the borough. The garbage tip had been removed, and the garbage was now being utilised in forming a public road, which it was hoped would become one of the finest drives out of Sydney, viz., along Iron Cove Creek, from Parramatta-road to the Parramatta River. The outcome of a movement for the establishment of a consumptives' home started by the council had been that a building was in course of erection at Waterfall at a cost of £25,000, to accommodate 400 persons. It was hoped that the Government would pass an Act proclaiming consumption a disease notifiable under the Health Act. The Government had promised £1700, provided the residents and the council contributed £500 jointly towards the work of constructing a stormwater barrel drain in north ward at a total expenditure of £2200. This was well in hand, and when the surveys and necessary plans were completed, the work would be commenced forthwith. Respecting the adjustment of accounts the Mayor said:—"In my minute of September 13 I made it clear, in the event of our allowing the new Local Government Act to be passed into law, before borrowing to adjust our accounts, that a special rate would have to be levied upon all properties in the borough. Having taken the stand I did upon this question at that time there will be no special rate, and the best interests of the borough have been served. The whole indebtedness is now wiped out by a 4 per cent. loan, which is repayable in the sum of £500 yearly as a sinking fund, whereas on the greater portion of the amount then owing by us, we were paying 6 per cent., and had no means of liquidating this liability. I am pleased to be able to state here, that in commencing operations under the new Act, all accounts are in credit."

The report was very well received by the aldermen, and several congratulatory speeches were delivered.

PROGRESS OF NEWTOWN.

At the last meeting of the Newtown Council the Mayor (Alderman H. N. Howe) presented a detailed minute reviewing the work of the council for the past 12 months. From the minute it was gathered that the total receipts amounted to £13,162 2s 3d. Of this amount the general and lighting rates contributed £11,062 15s 6d, being £53 1s 8d in excess of last year's collection. The outstanding rates amounted to £798 1s 1d, which included £241 19s 4d partly due on the estates of deceased persons. The sum of £1500 had been placed on a fixed deposit, making the total £2000, and there was a credit balance at the bank of £838 8s 2d. The roads and footpaths were in good order, while the sanitary condition and all matters pertaining to the health of the residents had been diligently attended to. A very large number of samples of food had been collected during the year. About one-third of these had been found to be adulterated.

The minute was adopted, and the Mayor was congratulated on his successful year of office.

MUNICIPAL WORK AT ALEXANDRIA.

At the last meeting of the Alexandria Council the Mayor (Alderman S. A. M'Cauley) submitted a report dealing with the municipal progress of the year. The finances, he said, were in a thoroughly sound condition, which was largely due to the work of the council clerk (Mr. R. L. Sutton), who had been appointed to the office on the death of Mr. Madden. So much of the arrears of rates had been got in that they had now less outstanding rates than at any previous time. The council had started the year with a credit balance of £72, and they finished it with the credit balance increased to £470 11s 5d. Each ward had had expended on it money to complete necessary works, so that while they had a good credit balance the works of the borough had not been neglected. The report was adopted, and the Mayor was congratulated on the success of the year's labours.

GLEBE FINANCES.

The council clerk of the Glebe (Mr. Glasscock) has prepared a special report dealing with the financial position of the borough, from which it is gathered that the receipts for the year ended February 4 were: —General rates, £8460; lighting rates, £2234 1s 2d; street watering rates, £449 10s 7d; Government special grant, £700; rent of Town Hall, £183 1s 6d; contributions to works and services, £250 5s 6d; nuisances prevention charges, £94 4s 9d; street opening and other fees, £93 10s 2d; miscellaneous, £62 6s 6d. Total, £12,531 5s 11d.

The expenditure was £12,085 9s.

The year opened with a debit balance of £889 8s 11d, and closed with a credit balance of £236 12s. The outstanding rates now amount to only £144 3s 8d. During the last decade the indebtedness of the municipality has been reduced by £14,544. The loan account now stands at £22,720 13s 11d.

GLEBE VALUATIONS.

The valuers for the Glebe (Messrs. T. D. Glasscock and T. W. Knight) have handed in their report in connection with the valuation of rateable property for the current year.

The annual rental value is given as £177,800, while the capital value of vacant land is set down at £53,000. The total assessed value of all rateable property in the municipality is £164,859, as against £160,565 last year. During the past year 35 new houses, and 4 new stores, have been erected.

There are now 4027 houses in the municipality, and each month sees some new building commenced.

At a special meeting of the council, held on Wednesday evening, a general rate of 1s in the £ on the assessed value was struck. This will produce £8827 19s, being an increase of £189 14s on last year's amount.

These amounts are, of course, subject to any reductions that may be made at the appeal court.

A lighting rate of 3d in the £, and a street watering rate of 2d in the £ on properties in certain streets which it is proposed to water, were also struck.

TAMBOURINE BAY.

The residents of that portion of the Lane Cove Borough adjacent to Tambourine Bay, on the Lane Cove River, are suffering considerable inconvenience owing to the lack of wharfage accommodation as a ready means of access to the river ferry and the city. Up to recently that portion of the municipality has had the privilege of using, on sufferance, the wharf belonging to Riverview College, but since that has been made private no other means have been adopted to meet their requirements. At present there is no wharf on that side of the river between Figtree and Longueville. It has therefore been recommended to construct a footbridge from the Tambourine Bay-road to Mary-street, on the other side of the bay, to connect with a wharf on Tambourine Point, which is partly constructed, but requires completion. If the local council would carry out this work it would convenience a large and increasing settlement.

IMPROVEMENTS AT KOGARAH.

The minute submitted by the Mayor (Alderman D. J. O'Brien) to a special meeting of the Kogarah Council showed a satisfactory position from every point of view. On February 5, 1906, the bank credit balance was £82 5s 1d, whilst on February 4, 1907, it was £368 13s 1d. The revenue was £3733 10s 7d, this amount being from general rates, fire brigade, lighting, and other services. The total amount available was £3815 15s 8d. The gross expenditure for the year had been £3447 2s 7d. A very large amount of work had been carried out. An amount of £1095 7s 10d had been paid in wages, with £300 10s 3d for cartage. The efforts of the council, it was stated, to beautify the streets had been very successful. Improvements had also been carried out in the parks, and in other places where possible. Another successful feature was the action of the council in having lamps placed in the centre of the streets, and double incandescent burners used in the main thoroughfares. The Mayor offered his congratulations on the rapid and satisfactory progress that was being made in the borough, as new houses and buildings of all descriptions were springing up. The minute was received. Alderman F. P. Nielson has been elected to the position of Mayor, vice Alderman O'Brien, resigned.

HURSTVILLE'S PROGRESS.

Alderman C. B. Hunt, at the last meeting of the Hurstville Council, submitted a minute in which he stated that the revenue from all sources was £2795 1s 9d, and the expenditure £2563 9s 8d. Some very necessary works had been carried out, and the special grant, although he considered it small and disproportionate when compared with what other councils received, had enabled them to repair certain streets which otherwise would have been neglected. A satisfactory point, he stated, was that although the year was commenced with a debit balance of £232 6s 2d, the close showed a reduction by £167 12s, the present debit only being £65 5s 2d. He recommended that the matter of garbage collection be given immediate attention, with a view to introducing an improved system.

BEXLEY VALUATION.

The assessment submitted at the last meeting of the Bexley Council showed that the capital value was £120,450, the annual value £27,966, and the assessed value £25,108. The total revenue from this valuation, it was estimated, would yield £2225 9s 9d, being an increase of about £150 on the previous year's figures. Eighty-four new houses had been erected since the previous valuation, and a number of others were now in course of construction.

Messrs. Terrett and Dickin have been appointed auditors to the council.

NEW FIRE STATION.

The North Sydney Municipal Council has been informed by the suburban representative on the Fire Brigades Board (Alderman W. Taylor) that a sum of £500 has been set apart from the fire brigades' vote for the purchase of land in Falcon-street, North Sydney, as a site for an additional fire station, which when erected will complete the scheme for the adequate protection of property in the northern suburbs. At present branches exist at Walker-street, Crow's Nest, Mosman, and Chatswood. The proposed new site is situated at the Neutral Bay extremity of Falcon-street, and is intended to serve Neutral Bay and Folly Point districts. It is unlikely, however, that the building will be erected for some time to come.

CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS cleanses and refreshes the system, dispels headache and feverishness and permanently overcomes constipation.—Advt.

A feature that will be found of interest in this week's "Sydney Mail" is entitled "A Personal Page." It contains portraits of well-known people, accompanied by descriptive matter.—Advt.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE BEST WHEATS.

STATE EXPERIMENTALIST'S WORK.

Mr. G. L. Sutton, the Acting Wheat Experimentalist, who is at Cowra, carrying on the work in which the late William Farrer achieved such distinction at Lambrigg, submits his opinion on what are the three best wheats for farmers to grow. In response to our request, Mr. Sutton also briefly outlines the work which he has at present in hand, and points out the chief objects of the Agricultural Department in its wheat experiments. Mr. Sutton's operations at Cowra have awakened wide interest amongst farmers on the wheat belt, and his views are of special value.

"Special attention," writes Mr. Sutton, "is being devoted to the wheat-growing industry in its widest sense, and on the broad lines laid down by the late wheat experimentalist, W. J. Farrer. For the sake of convenience, the work may be divided into two portions—1st, that dealing with the production of new varieties by cross-breeding and selection; and, 2nd, that dealing with the best methods of managing the soil in our climate, with the object of maintaining its fertility, with the most economical use of fertilisers.

"The cross-breeding work which has, heretofore, been carried out at Lambrigg has been transferred to Cowra, which will be the centre for this class of work, and whence perfectly and imperfectly fixed crossbreds will be sent out to the different experiment farms, so that varieties suitable to the districts they respectively represent will be obtained and selected by the same methods, originally thought out and adopted by the late Mr. Farrer, and followed so successfully by him at Lambrigg.

"The objects aimed at in this cross-breeding work are the production of prolific varieties which show marked ability (1) to resist diseases as rust, smut (bunt), take-all, etc.; (2) to withstand extremes of heat and drought and sudden variations of temperature. This latter quality necessitates the fostering of those habits which cause varieties to be specially suitable for the peculiarities of our different inland climates.

"In the final selection for the above characteristics, those varieties which are not of good milling quality, however desirable they may be in other directions, are discarded; the term good milling quality being taken to include those qualities on which the intrinsic and economic value of wheat, and its money value in the European markets, depend. The tests for this final selection cannot be carried out in the field, but are carried out in the laboratory under the control of Mr. Guthrie, the departmental chemist, in a most complete and thorough manner. Under the system inaugurated by him small quantities of wheat are milled in practically an identical manner to the procedure followed in an up-to-date flour mill. By the aid of the results thus obtained the value of a new variety is determined at least two years earlier than it would be if we had to await the results of a trial made in a commercial mill.

"In this cross-breeding work a very large amount of success has been attained. The varieties 'Bobs,' 'Federation,' 'Comeback,' 'John Brown,' now becoming well known, are the result of this work. Each of them has some quality which renders them superior to the old varieties, and all of them are of decidedly better milling quality than wheats like 'Purple Straw,' 'Farmer's Friend,' 'Steinwedel,' which they are replacing.

"The possibilities of this work have, within the last few years, become even greater than was at first apparent, and in the near future it is likely that the newer varieties of wheats will themselves be replaced by varieties which will be of equal, if not of superior, milling value to them, and, in addition to being rust-resistant, will be 'smut' resistant to such an extent that bluestoning seed grain will be unnecessary. Next year, if we are favoured with an average season, sufficient seed of the more advanced smut-resistant varieties will be available for trial in the field. In that portion of the work dealing with the management of the soil special attention is being paid to the absorption and conservation of moisture, and to ascertain to what extent deep cultivation can be made to take the place of irrigation, as well as to permanently increase the fertility of the soil; also to determine the kinds of deep cultivation which will do this best in the different soils and subsoils, and at the same time be the most economical.

"Attention is also being given to devising systems of rotations suitable for the wheat-growers, and to ascertain which plants, leguminous especially, are suitable for such rotations in the different districts of our interior. A system of manuring by feeding-off, or ploughing in green crops—aided by a correct use of fertilisers—promises results of the greatest possible importance, on account of the improvement such a system effects in the soil in regard to nitrifying bacterial organisms, the absorption and retention of moisture, and because of the increased chemical activity it causes.

"The paramount importance of this work will be recognised from the disastrous state of infertility to which some of the wheat lands of South Australia have been reduced by the system of alternate cropping and fallowing. Such, I have been informed, was an avoidable and unnecessary evil, and that a series of systematic experiments show that is the case.

"The experiments dealing with the improved management of the soil have not been carried on for the same lengthy period as the cross-breeding work; the beneficial results accruing from it are in consequence not nearly as pronounced, but the few initial results already obtained are encouraging, and indicate that information relating to the principles underlying the practice of agriculture in this State will gradually accumulate. This information, when available, will enable the farmers to thoughtfully adapt their practice to the peculiar conditions of our climate.

"Amongst millers and in the markets of the old world flour made from Australian wheat is noted for the excellence of its colour. In the future, it seems likely, from the results already obtained, that it will be sought after because excellence of colour will be combined with the more important and desirable qualities—high milling value, superior baking, and greater nutritive value."

THE BEST THREE WHEATS.

Mr. Sutton then discusses the particular question as follows:—"What are the best wheats? This is a question of interest to the majority of people. Those interested will, however, look at the matter from different standpoints. If asked this question, the farmer will reply, 'The best yielders.' The miller—'Those having the best milling quality, i.e., those which produce the largest amount of flour of satisfactory quality to his patrons.' The baker—'Those which produce flour of the highest baking quality, i.e., flour which produces a large attractive loaf.' The consumer—'Those producing flour from which the most nutritious, best-flavoured, and best-keeping bread can be made;' and the wheat-breeder—'Those wheats which combine the qualities desired by the consumer, the baker, the miller, and the farmer.'

"It will be at once seen that the ideal of a wheat-breeder is very much more difficult of realisation than that of a person belonging to any other class referred to. In a State like New South Wales, possessing districts of such varying climatic conditions, the difficulty of narrowing one's choice down to three varieties is rather great. Even in a district possessing practically the same climatic conditions the matter is not an easy one, for even in such a district the needs and conditions of individual farmers differ considerably. From the above I think it will be seen that it is difficult to confine one's choice to three varieties as being the best for the State as a whole. From the reports of farmers' trials and from other sources of information available, I consider the following wheats as being the best three for the State as a whole:—

(1) Bobs.
(2) Federation.
(3) John Brown.

BOBS.

"This wheat yields a large percentage of flour of high baking value. The flour when made into bread is of good flavour and nutritious. As a farmers' wheat it is very satisfactory in many districts. In most districts it has proved highly rust-resistant, in many instances producing good grain even when the flag was badly attacked by rust. It is a good hay wheat, possessing a sweet straw liked by stock. It suits districts with conditions as widely different as Condobolin and Tamworth. The report to hand of a trial recently held in the Queanbeyan district states that 100 bushels were obtained from 2½ acres.

FEDERATION.

"This wheat yields a large percentage of a milling or baking value as 'Bobs' does, but is very much superior in these respects to 'Farmers' Friend,' 'Purple Straw,' or 'Dart's Imperial.' In districts like Grenfell and Cowra it has proved an exceptional yielder. Reports are to hand this year of yields of 11 bags per acre, and last year one farmer reported over 2000 bags from 200 acres, a result which speaks for itself, and accounts for the popularity of this variety amongst farmers in districts where it suits. This wheat has a short straw, and was specially bred by the late Mr. Farrer to meet the requirements of farmers who used strippers. Its appearance in the field is no guide as to what it will yield, as the evidence is overwhelming that it always yields better than it looks. It is not difficult to strip, but does not shell easily, for one farmer who reported on this wheat called it 'storm proof.' On account of its short, stiff straw, it is not a good hay wheat.

JOHN BROWN.

"This wheat is apparently the best rust resister we have. From the reports to hand, it seems likely to be a favourite in the future in districts west of Wellington. It has also proved suitable for the Glen Innes district, but not as suitable for that district as Jonathan. It is a good general-purpose wheat, being equally as suitable, on account of its nice clean straw, for hay as for grain. Its milling value is about equal to, and probably a little better than, Federation.

OTHER VARIETIES.

"Though it is recognised that the wheats 'Purple Straw,' 'Farmer's Friend,' and 'Dart's Imperial' are good yielders in many districts, they have not been included in this list, for now that it has been shown that wheats which yield equally as well, but which produce flour of considerably greater milling and baking value can be grown in this State, it is believed that the demand for such wheats will decrease, and that it is likely they will have to be sold in the near future at a discount. If this belief is likely to prove correct these wheats are not desirable 'farmers' wheats.'

"I am very pleased," adds Mr. Sutton, "that you are taking this matter up. I feel sure it will do an immense amount of good, and at the same time increase the popularity of the 'Herald' as a farmers' paper."

TEXAS FEVER.

Tick fever, or Texas fever, and cattle tick infestation on cattle, horses, camels, sheep, pigs, or goats, have been declared infectious or contagious diseases for the purposes of part IV. of the Stock Act.

The States of Queensland, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory of South Australia have been declared infected as regards all stock within the meaning of part IV. of the Stock Act.

The introduction from Western Australia has been prohibited, for 12 months, of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, mules, or camels. This prohibition does not apply to horses, mules, or camels in actual work, if found on inspection to be free from tick infestation, and if accompanied by a declaration by the owner and a certificate from a Western Australian inspector of stock.

Regulations to govern the introduction of cattle, sheep, pigs, horses, mules, and goats from Queensland to this State are published in yesterday's "Government Gazette." The regulations have been framed with the view of excluding cattle ticks from New South Wales.

THE TICK INVASION.

Mr. G. A. Jones, M.L.A., writes:—In your leading article upon the above subject in Wednesday's issue you put your finger right on the spot when you say, "Hitherto, unfortunately, nothing of an effective character has been done." You might have gone further, and truthfully said the restrictions of the past were apparently designed for two main purposes—first to provide easy billets for certain men who would otherwise have to work, and secondly, to hamper and harass settlement upon our northern border line.

I do not for a moment wish to contend that no danger exists from the migration of the cattle tick southerly. I have always readily acknowledged that. On the other hand, I have stoutly maintained that the present arrangements would not keep the tick out, and the two recent outbreaks—if they are genuine—bear ample testimony to the correctness of that view. I have been further strengthened in my attitude thereon by the strenuous and mysteriously successful efforts of the supervising officers to prevent my having a full and fair inquiry into the whole question of the restrictions. After a few more thousands of golden sovereigns have been wasted perhaps the opportunity may come along. However, the ticks themselves will make a businesslike investigation an imperative contingency in the immediate future.

I do not agree with the view implied in your article that the tick is dangerous in the dry, flat, and arid regions of New South Wales. Experience is totally against any such contention, notwithstanding that some ticks were alleged—and I use that word advisedly—to have been carried to Goondiwindi on horses six or seven years ago. The "discovery" of the pest so far out was a "blunder" never subsequently repeated. The Government Veterinary admits that it would be a most abnormally moist and humid season which would allow the tick to even live on the western side of the tableland, whilst men of experience and judgment living out there laugh at the very idea of the pest working injury to the cattle of the "flat country." The danger is, I believe, a real one so far as the sub-tropical coast is concerned, and I believe precautions ought to be taken to render the southward march of the little parasite as harmless as possible. But a fointing fence of two barbed wires hardly realises my ideal in that direction. I have seen cattle on both sides of the barrier fence rubbing against each other, whilst a hundred miles further west a New South Wales resident has had to wait hours in the pouring rain miles from his home in order to get a pass from a belated inspector to cross his horse into this fair and free land. I have known cases where men have been placed in charge of the border who could not describe a bullock, whilst men brought up amongst cattle have been incontinently dismissed or jockeyed out of the service because some friend had to be given work of some sort. These facts—and much of a similar nature could be added to the list—are mentioned as further proof that the department itself can have very little dread of ticks in the dry country. Still, the farcical regulations are maintained.

As to the dipping, there exist various opinions. At Goondiwindi some weeks ago an adjacent resident sent a pup down for immersion in the hope that the chemical might destroy the fleas, which had made the youthful canine pet a nuisance. The only apparent effect visible from the medical bath, so I am advised, was an increase in the number of the jumping parasite. About the same time, at Mungindi, the flux in the dip was so strong that of a mob of bullocks put through all were more or less sickened, whilst my informant tells me nine died, and the drover was delayed several days before he could move on. Two years ago a big mob of cattle came to Killarney station from North Queensland without being dipped, and this year a much larger mob is coming through. These cattle are, I believe, perfectly clean. By crossing at Hebel cattle can travel right along the border without any bother, and in my opinion without danger. If, however, a New South Wales resident desires to cross the border he must get a pass, and if he doesn't come back before sundown he is put to the inconvenience of having his animals smeared or dipped, and he must cross at recognised crossing places. Of course, there are other ways, but they are either degrading or dangerous. And all this for no other useful purpose than to, as I have before said, find fat billets for certain men—all really good fellows, I believe.

If the money wasted—that is the only word which truly describes this expenditure—on the western area were devoted to the better supervision of the coastal area and proper inoculation of the dairy herds likely to be attacked by the tick, more good would result, and a decided relief bestowed upon the people now needlessly hampered and harassed by idiotic and useless regulations and restrictions. I have for several years been asking for an inquiry into the whole question so far as the regulations go west of Wallangarra, but the influences against investigation have been too strong. This ostrich-like policy of burying the official head beneath the reports of interested and affected officers, and seeing no danger, is apparently bearing the fruit natural to such a policy. The maintenance of the barrier fence 200 miles west of where ticks exist is bad, but it becomes even worse than bad when the ticks show no reasonable regard for the two barbed wires of that fence, and persist in coming across and battening and multiplying in country congenial to their development. Let common sense and reason prevail in the Stock Department, and the dairy farmers may hope for help and safety. If, however, the present methods are maintained the worst may be anticipated. I therefore commend to the Minister the necessity of seriously and immediately considering himself—not by his deputies—the wisdom in the advice contained in your leader of Wednesday.

IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION.

Regulations under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act are published in yesterday's "Government Gazette." Applications for an improvement lease or a lease under section 18 of the Crown Lands Act, 1903, must be made in the prescribed form, and must contain such a description or be accompanied by such a sketch as will admit of ready identification of the land the subject of the application. Not less than 14 days' notice of the time and place at which the board proposes to deal with any application shall, as far as possible, be given to the applicant, and such notice may be sent by post, by registered letter, to the address for service mentioned in the application. If any applicant fails to attend, the board may proceed, in his absence, to deal with the application. Witnesses may be called by subpoena, and a scale of allowances for witnesses is provided.

CASTLE HILL NOTES.

Mr. James Purser writes:—The glorious rain of Sunday last, and the Tuesday night following—250 points in all—has put on one side all pessimistic forebodings as to maturity and quality of the coming season's citrus crop. It should be first-class. On the whole, the trees and fruit never looked healthier or freer from disease. The question arises, "What are we going to do with the fruit?" Well, a goodly number of large growers, including my sons, have made up their minds to run the risk, and during months of May and June to ship to foreign markets. I don't see why this should not prove a success. The Government has promised to assist in helping to find markets, and in the treatment to which the fruit should be subjected during carriage.

Referring again to late rain, the amount of good that it has done can hardly be estimated. March when circumstances suit, as at present, is the best growing month in the year for all vegetation. We shall now be set up with good grass for the winter as there are about six weeks that we may expect good warm growing weather. During this time all seed for winter fodder should be sown. That which has been sown up to the present looks splendid, and will now make headway, so that the man on the land may congratulate himself on the bright prospects he has before him. Of course there are always grumblers to be found, and always will be. Men who are always looking for something fresh to turn up that will bring them prosperity by looking instead of working for it. Look at the fuss made of late over pests and pest bills; some of these very persons have never spent one penny in trying to eradicate from their orchards these vile insects; no, not even have they exerted themselves in trying to kill a louse or bug. Still, they imagine that if they could only persuade the Government to make all the old growers clean their trees of all pests, or otherwise dig up and burn them, what a grand chance it would be for all the young orchardists just starting. Yes, and what work and expense it would save the beginner, for he would be able to begin just where the old fellow left off. This is what most of our young men of to-day want to do.

FRUIT PESTS.

Regulations under the Fruit Pests Act are published in yesterday's "Government Gazette." The following methods of treatment of plants affected by any fruit pest shall, until further notice, be deemed to be effective:—

For Codlin Moth (Carpocapsa pomonella).

1. All apple, pear, and quince trees must be bandaged with a band of suitable material with two folds, from the 1st day of November in each year until the crop has been harvested. The bandages must be examined at least once in each period of nine days, and all larvae and pupae found therein destroyed.

2. All infected fruit must be collected and destroyed at least once in each period of four days.

For any species of Fruit Fly (Tephritidae).

All infected fruit and windfalls must be collected and destroyed at least once in each period of three days.

The destruction of fruit must be effected by boiling for 15 minutes, or by burning, and of plants and packages by burning. Fruit cases or other packages may be treated by immersion in boiling water for two minutes.

FRUIT BY RAIL FROM BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE.

A complaint was made in Brisbane recently that it took nearly as long to send fruit from Brisbane to Melbourne by rail as it did to send it by steamer, and this, the speaker added, was a disgrace to the New South Wales railways. There is an impression in the Railway Department that no grower is likely to consign fruit over 1300 miles by rail when it can be forwarded by water. The freight charges by train would be very high. The fast goods trains, by which perishable goods are forwarded, could do the trip from Brisbane to Melbourne in about four days. There would be transhipment from the narrow gauge at Wallangarra, on the Queensland border, and another transhipment at Albury, besides shunting at Sydney. Two days of the journey would be over New South Wales lines, one over the Queensland line, and one day would be occupied from Albury to Melbourne.

BONEDUST FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Director of Agriculture has received, through the secretary of the Board of Health, an intimation from the Medical Department of Western Australia to the effect that the ordinary certificate heretofore accepted in Western Australia with regard to the disinfection of bonedust will now not be considered sufficient unless accompanied by a statement that it has been subsequently examined or analysed by some competent Government official, or that the said disinfection has taken place in the presence of such official.

HARDSHIPS OF FARMERS.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

The stock inspector, reporting with respect to a recent trip through the district, writes:—I saw thousands of bags of wheat around Farrandale and Doonside, lying in the fields ever since harvest time, at the mercy of rabbits, birds, and the weather, because the owners cannot get teams to cart them to the railway, although some owners are offering 1s 6d a bag. There are no roads (merely bush tracks), and some of these are impracticable at present, owing to a tornado, which swept through the country last month, completely blocking the roads, smashing fences, and carrying away tanks. If this wheat is not got to the railway before the winter rains set in, it will be almost impossible to remove it at all.

VISITATION OF GRASSHOPPERS.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

Myriads of grasshoppers have been passing over the town and district all day, nearly all travelling west. Such a visitation is hitherto unknown here. On Sunday, during the progress of a thunderstorm, the air was filled with flying ants, extending from Mudgee to Lue, a distance of nearly 20 miles.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

SOUTHERN MONARO DISTRICT.

BOMBALA.—The Mount Cooper estate in this district, consisting of 25,308 acres of freehold, C.P., and C.L. land, has been purchased from Mr. F. J. Hobson by a private syndicate. This estate was offered to the Government some time ago at what was considered a very reasonable price by those who knew the country well for closer settlement purposes. An exhaustive inquiry was held before the local land board, and, although that body recommended that it be purchased by the Government at a certain price, the Minister declined to entertain the offer. About the same time, however, Myall Creek estate was offered, and resumed at a much higher figure, although the country in question is alleged to be far superior to that of Myall Creek. A member of the syndicate that has purchased Mount Cooper said that it is one of the best and cheapest properties that have been offered for closer settlement purposes in this State. It is the intention of the syndicate to subdivide the property in June next into blocks ranging in size from 500 to 1000 acres, and offer it to the public on terms—something like a quarter cash, and the balance extending over 10 years at 4½ per cent. interest. Now that a start has been made, other large landholders in this district may feel inclined to follow this example, and by so doing cause an influx of population, which must, in the end, make this, as it should be, one of the most prosperous and thickly-populated districts in New South Wales. The cutting up of this estate is regarded locally as one of the best arguments that can be advanced for the necessity of the extension of the railway from Cooma to Bombala.

STOCK BOARDS.

DUBBO.—At the last meeting of the P.P. Board the assessment for 1907 was fixed at 1d per head for large stock, and 1s per 100 sheep. Mr. Dulhunty, the district stock inspector, was appointed to take up the duties of Mr. Kelly, who had resigned from the position of rabbit inspector, at an equipment allowance of £75 per annum. A contribution of £5 5s was voted to the up-keep of the P.P.B. council, and it was decided that cash applications for wire-netting should be accompanied by a fee of 10s, and it was also carried that all fire insurances on wire-netting should be made out in the name of the board. The following are the returns of stock in the Dubbo district for 1907:—Cattle, 20,841; horses, 12,299; sheep, 1,332,679. There was a decrease of 4614 in large stock, as compared with last year, and an increase of 75,765 sheep.

MEETING OF FARMERS.

MOLONG.—At a meeting of the Manildra P. and A. Society on Saturday, October 5 was fixed as the date of the next show. It was resolved to tender the president (Mr. G. W. Griffith) and Mrs. Griffith, a farewell social prior to their departure for England, this month. Mr. E. J. Allen was elected secretary, and it was announced that the Government had made the society a grant of £20.

DAIRYING.

WOLUMLA.—After the long spell of dry weather which was having a determined effect on the dairying industry, good soaking rain has fallen since Saturday. So far 153 points have been recorded.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BULLAHDELAH.—At a meeting of the Bullahdelah and Myall District Progress Committee it was decided to urge on the throwing open for settlement of the timber reserves at Meares Flat and the adjoining reserves, the board appointed some time ago having recommended that those reserves should be so thrown open.

CANDELO.—The district looks splendid just now. There is an abundance of feed, and factory supplies are largely on the increase.

COOMA.—Adaminaby Park is to be revoked. An area of 10 acres is to be reserved for a racecourse, and 38 acres for a showground, and the balance will be made available for settlement purposes in conjunction with part of the adjoining temporary common.

DUBBO.—Mr. R. G. Dulhunty, the District Stock Inspector, reports as follows, upon his last trip:—I have just returned from a visit to the southern and western portions of my district, including Obley, Tomingley, Dandaloo, Trangie, and Narromine, and find that the late rains, copious as they were in some places (10 inches), were very partial, and though many parts of the district are looking very well, droughty conditions prevail in most parts, particularly in the Bogan frontage. This I ascribe to rabbits and grasshoppers, both of which are swarming in the places where the grass is scarce. Some owners are selling sheep to reduce numbers, and some are trying to rent grass for lambing ewes, as well as for cattle and horses. All stock are healthy and in good condition, and if we have a decent fall of rain this month (and it is one of our best months for rain), it will make things very comfortable for the winter. Rabbits are not so plentiful as in the eastern end of the district (though there are enough and to spare). This is due in a great measure to the large amount of netting that has been and is being erected. I consider that every mile of netting that is erected to be a boon to the whole district. I was very pleased to see the comfortable homes erected by the settlement lessees, with really nice gardens and splendid orchards. At Mr. Laverack's place on the Meadows, and Mr. Lloyd Robinson's place at Bulgandramine, I saw some of the finest grapes and other fruit it was ever my lot to sample.

GRAFTON.—An expert arrived on Thursday to inoculate herds in the district in order to prevent the spread of anthrax.

LOCKHART.—The local land board is sitting this week, dealing with the cases of the 1112 applicants for the 14 Brookong blocks. It will be some days before the ballot can be taken. Considerable indignation is expressed by applicants at the Government allowing a local sawmiller to denude the blocks of all timber of any value. The miller is reported to be cutting down the partly grown pine and has a large number of men on this work.

PEAK HILL.—The annual show of the Pastoral and Agricultural Association has been fixed for July 24 and 25.

QUIRINDI.—During this season over 500 bales of wool were brought to Quirindi from small settlers beyond Rockgedgiel Creek. Thousands of bags of wheat are stored in the vicinity of the railway station. The grain is said to belong to a local milling firm. About 70 persons have lodged applications for an area of about 350 acres of land near Quirindi.

ST. MARYS.—Steady rain fell on Sunday, 60 points being registered. The district now presents a totally different appearance from what it did a month ago. Grass is growing rapidly, and the late maize crops promise to be good. Farmers are busy getting in crops for winter feed.

SUNNY CORNER.—The stock and crop returns recently collected for this district show a substantial increase on the totals for last year. Cereal crops show an average increase of eight bushels to the acre, and the root crops an average increase of two tons per acre, on last year's returns. The acreage under potatoes has increased 50 per cent. In stock there is a big increase on last year's returns. There are at present in the district, in round numbers, 20,000 sheep, 6000 cattle, and 1000 horses; and the increase in young stock is higher than for many years past. There is, however, a falling-off in the number of pigs. The butter yield is five tons better than for any previous year, while the milk yield shows a proportionate increase. The prospects for the coming season are excellent.

TUMBERUMBA.—Messrs. M'Pherson, Martin, and Osborne, members of the Forestry Board, passed through on Saturday, en route for the Bago Forest Reserve, which they intend to inspect, with a view to making any suitable land available for closer settlement. They have just completed the inspection of all reserves on the falls of the Murray River.

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QUIRINDI RAM SALE.

DISPOSAL OF WOODTON MERINOS.

QUIRINDI, Wednesday.

The eleventh annual ram sale was held yesterday, and proved very successful. About 800 rams were offered, and prices were good. Mr. William Cadell made all the arrangements satisfactorily, and Mr. Corbett Scone was auctioneer. Haydon's Bloomfield rams sold from 2 to 8½ guineas; Wright's Bichas ranged from 4½ to 12 guineas; Henry Hall's Braefields, 2½ to 7 guineas; Harkins's Ardglen, 2½ guineas; Warrah, to 6¾ guineas; Cox's Gunnaganal, 2 to 5 guineas; Derrick's Hollymount, 1 guinea; Murphy's Ferndale, 2 guineas.

To-day the Woodton pure merino 1640 stud ewes and 254 stud and flock rams were disposed of. It was the greatest sale of stud sheep in the history of the district showground. Messrs. Weaver and Perry, in conjunction with Mr. William Cadell, Quirindi, disposed of the entire number catalogued at satisfactory prices. There was a very large attendance, and Mr. Fred. G. Weaver was the salesman. Details:—

103 stud ewes, 6yrs old.—10 to C. Berry, Manilla, 5¼ gns; 10 to Berry, 4½ gns; 10 to Berry, 3 gns; 10 to Johnston, Mila, Armidale, 3 gns; 10 to Berry, 2¾ gns; 10 to Manuel, Trida, Armidale, 2¼ gns; 10 to Johnson, 3 gns; 123 to Berry, 2¼ gns.

Five years.—20 to R. A. Hill, Havensworth, Singleton, 8¼ gns; 10 to R. A. Hill, 5 gns; 10 to Pigott, Langley Park, Cape Colony, South Africa, 4½ gns; 70 to Pigott, 3¼ gns; 20 to O. H. Baker, Rooyar, Guyra, 4 gns; 20 to Pigott, 3½ gns; 10 to Wootton, Black Mountain, 2¾ gns; 20 to R. Higgins, Inverell, 3 gns; 10 to G. H. Wiseman, Attunga, 3 gns; 10 to O. H. Baker, 3 gns; 10 to W. J. Croker, Wallabadah, 2½ gns; 10 to Pigott, 2½ gns; 41 to R. P. Abbott, Barsham, Blandford, 2½ gns.

Four years.—20 to G. R. Gill, Emu Creek, Walcha, 5 gns; 20 to Pigott, 4½ gns; 10 to J. H. Pinkerton, The Hunter, 3½ gns; 20 to R. Higgins, Inverell, 3 gns.

Three years old.—10 to J. Every, Bonnie Doon, via Glencoe, 5¼ gns; 10 to Pigott, 4½ gns; 20 to Pigott, 2¼ gns; 10 to Pigott, 3¼ gns; 20 to Pigott, 3 gns; 10 to Pigott, 2½ gns; 100 to Nathan Cohen, Tamworth, 2½ gns; 10 to Pigott, 2½ gns; 20 to Higgins, 3 gns; 20 to Higgins, 3 gns; 13 to Pigott, 2½ gns.

Two and a half years.—10 to J. Tripp, Muswellbrook, 6¼ gns; 10 to G. R. Gill, Emu Creek, Walcha, 5¼ gns; 10 to J. Bailey, Johannesburg, South Africa, 4 gns; 10 to J. Bailey, 4½ gns; 100 to White Bros., Harden Vale, 4 gns; 10 to Bailey, 3¼ gns; 20 to Bailey, 4 gns; 10 to White Bros., 3¾ gns; 10 to W. Caban, Gundy, 3 gns; 20 to Baker, 3¼ gns; 10 to Manuel, 3 gns; 10 to Bailey, 2¼ gns; 10 to Osborne, 3¼ gns; 10 to S. M'Ginty, Roseneath, Bendemeer, 2¼ gns; 20 to Bailey, 2½ gns; 10 to Tomlinson, Myall Plain, Moree, 2¼ gns; 30 to Bailey, 2¼ gns; 10 to Manuel, 2½ gns; 10 to E. Dawson, Tenterden, Guyra, 2½ gns; 60 to R. Higgins, Inverell, 2½ gns; 22 to J. Whitten, 2 gns.

One and a half years.—20 to White Bros., 6½ gns; 70 to Bailey, 3¼ gns; 20 to Bailey, 4 gns; 100 to White Bros., 3½ gns; 10 to Bailey, 2½ gns; 10 to Bailey, 3 gns; 20 to S. Lobsey, Quirindi, 2½ gns; 20 to Bailey, 2½ gns; 10 to G. Wiseman, Attunga, 2½ gns; 20 to J. Norvill, Blandford, 2½ gns; 20 to D. Hall, Creswell, Parkville, 2½ gns; 26 to J. Whitten, 2½ gns.

Twenty-two stud rams, sire and dam pure Woodton blood, shorn August.—Ram, lambed 1903, to M'Kay, Briarbrook, Guyra, 16 gns; lambed 1903, to White Bros., Harben Vale, 20 gns; White Bros., 11 gns; White Bros., 21 gns; A. Cameron, Moree, 53 gns; P. Derrick, Hollymount, Wallabadah, 14 gns; Higgins, 15 gns; Haydon, Bloomfield, 16 gns; Wiseman, 10 gns; White Bros., 9 gns; White Bros., 8 gns; Simpson, Scone, 9 gns; White Bros., 20 gns; Tomlinson, 11 gns; Abbott, Barsham, 10 gns; White Bros., 73 gns; W. Cropper, Wallabadah, 6 gns; executors of the Robert Gill's estate, Moembi, 205 gns; Hill, 55 gns; White Bros., 65 gns; Norvill, 20 gns.

Flock Rams.—20 to G. Golland, 8½ gns; 70 to Simpson, 6 gns; 50 to Abbott, 3 gns; 10 to Manuel, 5½ gns; 10 to Abbott, 4 gns; 10 to Ardell, Scone, 4½ gns; 10 to Simpson, 3½ gns; 10 to Higgins, 4 gns; 10 to Leddingham, Munrindi, 4 gns; 10 to Abbott, 3¼ gns; 10 to W. Kennedy, Moonan Flat, 3 gns; 8 to A. E. Dickinson, Yarraman, 3 gns.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

BARRABA.

BARRABA, Wednesday.

The Barraba show was opened to-day in fine weather. The attendance totalled about 1500. The entries were the largest ever received. The stock sections were filled, and the number of ponies was particularly large. Farm produce made a very good show, and the local manufacturers put out some splendid exhibits. The Minister for Lands will formally open the show to-morrow. The Maiden Hunters' event resulted: Joseph Johnson, 1; Herbert Lillis, 2.

BEGA.

BEGA, Wednesday.

The thirty-fifth annual exhibition of the Bega Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Society was opened to-day in perfect weather. There was a large attendance. The show is the best the society has yet held. The new and commodious pavilion was incapable of holding the exhibits in the various sections as a result of the bounteous season. In the cattle sections alone there were over 400 exhibits, competition being particularly keen in the Jersey, shorthorn, and Ayrshire classes. The ring events drew exceptionally large entries. In the maiden hunters' contest there were two accidents, but fortunately without serious result. Two horses fell, but the riders (C. Glass and J. Kelly) in each instance escaped with a shaking.

The result of the all-the-year-round home milking competition was announced to-day, C. Parbery's Ayrshire cow, Flower, winning, with a yield for the 24 hours of 52lb of milk, yielding 2lb 5 19-25oz. A. A. Blacka's Jersey cow, 2lb 4 4-5oz, was second, and J. W. Ramsey's shorthorn cow, with 2lb 4 12-25oz, was third. There were 23 competitors, representing the principal herds of the Bega and adjoining districts. The society gave £15 to the competition, and at a special committee meeting it was determined to continue the competition for the coming year up till next show.

Following are some of the awards:—

Blood stallion: G. Underhill's Seneschal. Colt or gelding: F. Otton, 1; W. Rixon, 2. Trotting stallion: T. Ellis's Roy. Colt or gelding: T. Heffernan, jun. Draught stallion: W. Bower. Colt: A. L. Manning, 1; Ritchie Estate, 2. Pair of farm horses: Ritchie Estate, 1. Light hackney: T. E. W. Irwin. Light buggy horse: W. Kennedy. Pair of buggy horses: W. Rixon. Maiden hunter: G. W. Rolfe, 1; H. Butler, 2. Time Handicap Trot, 1 mile: Rev. J. J. Gunning's b g Numbuggs, 1. Pony: J. R. Rixon. Harness pony: Jack Sharpe. Pony high jump: Tapper Bros. Pony: J. Cochrane, 1; C. A. Underhill, 2. Boy rider: Jack Sharpe.

Beef cattle.—Durham bull: Joshua Britten, 1; J. R. Milne, 2. Cow: J. R. Milne. Heifer, 2 yrs and under 3: Milne. Heifer, under 2 yrs: Ritchie Estate, 1; Milne, 2. Heifer under a year: J. R. Milne. Hereford bull, 3 yrs and over: H. Otton, 1; W. Koellner, 2. Bull, under 3 yrs: H. Otton. Hereford cow: H. Otton. Heifer under 3 yrs: H. Otton. Fat bullock: E. Kirby, 1; W. Weatherhead, 2.

Champion bull, any age or breed: Joshua Britten. Champion cow: J. R. Milne.

Pigs.—Boar, over one year: D. A. Gowing, 1; Ritchie estate, 2. Boar, under a year: D. A. Gowing, 1; D. Darcy, 2. Sow, over a year: J. R. Milne, 1; Ritchie estate, 2. Sow, under a year: S. Rood, 1; H. Davis, 2. Sow and litter: Ritchie Estate. Best breeding sow for bacon purposes: J. R. Milne. Champion boar pig: D. A. Gowing. Best sow on ground: J. R. Milne.

Dogs.—Principal winners: Edgar Gowing, Stanley M'Guinness, J. Connelly, James Rixon, James Pickard, William Murray, C. G. Kahle, F. Taylor, Cecil Hughes.

Farm produce.—Maize, threshed: Henry Otton. Maize, fifty cobs: John Jauncey. Oats: S. Gowing. Prairie grass-seed: William Murray. Sunflower-seed: S. K. Taylor. Planters' Friend: G. F. King. Potatoes.—Brownell's: O. Schomberg. Early Rose: John Bauer. Other varieties: J. P. Rheinberger. Lucerne hay: C. Parberry. Oaten hay: J. P. Rheinberger. Chaff: J. P. Rheinberger. Sorghum: Henry Otton. Other farm produce: John Tarlington, A. L. Manning, W. J. Murray, J. P. Rheinberger, T. J. Kelly, jun.

Dairy produce.—Butter, South Wolumla Creamery Company, 1; West End Creamery Co-operative Company, 2. Cheddar cheese: A. L. Manning, 1; Kanowna Estate, 2. Cheese, other than cheddar: H. Otton, 1; T. Cochrane, 2. Bacon: Co-operative Bacon Company, 1; C. Barnes, 2. Ham: C. Barnes. Lard: C. Barnes, 1; Mrs. T. Underhill, 2.

Fruit.—Principal winners: D. Darcy, Taylor, W. Underhill, Grubb, King, Spence, J. K. Hergenhan, W. J. Hergenhan, Gee, Wren, Reeves, Brixey.

Vegetables.—Principal awards: H. Otton, Mrs. T. Underhill, Kelly, Smith, Reeves, M'Grath, Fenton, Bervsford, Jauncey, M'Grath.

BRAIDWOOD.

BRAIDWOOD, Wednesday.

The show was opened to-day by Mr. C. G. Wade, Attorney-General, in fine weather. There was a large attendance. The pavilion exhibits were very good, and the cattle section was well filled, some of the exhibits being of a high class. The additional pens provided for sheep were all occupied. Horses were well represented, and the condition of all the stock was good. Awards:—

Poultry.—Principal winners: Tominson, M'Kay, Merton, Parnell, Cooper, Mather, Maher, Stokes, G. Maddrell, A. Bussingthwaighte, Ware, M. Malone.

Merino Sheep.—Principal winners: W. Edmunds, T. M'Dowall, C. Snow, R. E. Roberts, H. O. Roberts, J. Roberts.

Coarse Wool.—R. E. Roberts, J. Roberts, P. Roberts, A. W. Scott, T. M'Dowall, estate of the late W. F. Gordon.

Fat Sheep.—Mrs. Hollands, estate of the late W. F. Gordon, H. O. Roberts.

Fat Lambs.—Mrs. Hollands, E. Bunn.

Champion ram: W. Edmunds. Lincoln ram: A. W. Scott. Romney Marsh ram: T. M'Dowall. Grand champion ram and ewe: W. Edmunds.

Dairy Cattle.—Bull: M. M'Grath. Bull, 2yrs: E. Bunn. Bull, 1yr: T. M'Dowall. Three cows: Hyland Bros. Heifers: E. Bunn. Milking cow: H. Bowland. Durham bull: K. G. Hassall. Bull, 2yrs: Hyland Bros. Bull, 1yr: T. M'Dowall. Cow: Hyland Bros. Heifer, 2yrs: J. H. Byrne. Heifer, 1yr: Hyland Bros. Pen of Durhams: Hyland Bros.

Hereford bull: Estate of the late W. F. Gordon. Cow: W. M'Dowall.

Devon bull: J. Roberts. Bull, 2yrs: R. E. Roberts. Cow: P. Roberts.

Fat bullock: E. A. Maddrell. Cow: E. A. Maddrell. Pen of three bullocks: E. A. Maddrell. Ditto, cows: E. A. Maddrell.

Farmers' Class.—Three fat cows: Mrs. Allen.

Pigs.—Principal winners: R. Ware, P. Allen.

Dogs.—Chief winners: G. Maddrell, W. J. Mackay, H. Parnell.

Farm Produce.—Wheat: R. Hatch. Oats, feed: Hatch. Tartarian: M. Flynn. Barley: Flynn. Maize: Flynn. Oaten hay: R. Shepherd. Wheaten: W. Sharpe. Oaten chaff: R. Shepherd. Wheaten: W. R. Sharpe.

Keg of salt butter: E. Grigg. Fresh hand-made: Manderson. Separator made: E. Grigg. Cheese: Araluen Dairy Company. Bacon, ham, and lard: R. Keyte. Honey: F. Butt.

Vegetables.—Principal winners: W. R. Sharpe, C. Loy, Kennedy, J. H. Byrne, L. Chapman, M. Flynn, R. Keyte, J. F. MacKellar.

TENTERFIELD.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

There was a large attendance for the second day of the show. The ring events proved particularly interesting owing to the numerous entries. The champion high jump drew 10 entries, and the contest proved exceptionally exciting. At 6ft, the only horses left in were A. Judd's Desmond and Thomas Morgan's Napoleon, and the two jumped splendidly, each clearing the bar at 6ft 7in, establishing a record for the ground. At this height it was agreed to divide. Miss Kirk, who rode Ormond, was allotted a third prize. A novel event, introduced for the first time, was the prize for the best lady riding astride. Seven ladies competed, and the winner, Miss V. Dutton, was loudly cheered. In lightweight hunters, the leading jumpers from various parts of the State took part, and lent considerable interest to the event. Mr. W. P. Lawler's Greygown took the fences in fine style, and won by 2 points from Mrs. E. M. Stace's Exchange and Mr. A. Judd's Desmond, both of which tied for second place.

The fat stock was exceptionally good, and the best seen in the district for years. All the big stations sent in stock, and the awards were gained principally by Mr. H. A. Smith, who gained champion for the best bullock in the show, and also reserve champion. A similar honour for the best cow fell to Mr. G. A. Smith, of Billerimba. To-day's awards:—

Four-in-hand: Walker Trustees, 1 and 2. Four-in-hand pony team: J. M. Reid, 1; J. V. Boxwell, 2. Lady rider, astride: Miss V. Dutton, 1; Miss M. Bates, 2. Lady driver: Miss Linda Smith, 1; Mrs. E. J. Petherick and Miss Scott, equal, 2. Heavy-weight hack: A. Judd, 1; Walker Trustees, 2. Sulky galloway: A. M. White, 1; E. J. Petherick, 2. Eleven-stone hack: F. Johnston, 1; Walker Trustees, 2. Dray horse: Walker Trustees, 1; F. Colledge, 2.

Polo pony, A. M. White, 1 and 2. Pony, under 14 hands: C. W. Smith, 1; L. H. Reading, 2. Fastest trotting pony: A. Ebert, 1; F. E. Winsor, 2. Pony, 12½ hands: W. Scott, 1. Sulky pony: J. M. Reid, 1; John Finn, 2. Pony, 14½ hands and under: T. A. Smith, 1; A. White, 2.

Jumping Events.—Light-weight hunter: W. F. Lawler's Greygown, 1; Mrs. Stace's Exchange and A. Judd's Desmond, equal for 2. Champion high jump: T. Moran's Napoleon (rider, J. Flint), and A. Judd's Desmond (rider, A. Whittaker), 6ft 7in each, 1.

Fat Stock.—Champion bullock in show: H. A. Smith. Champion cow: G. A. Smith. Reserve champion: John Finn. Best bullock, not over 6yrs.: H. A. Smith, 1; A. M. White, 2. Ditto, 5yrs.: Miss L. Stewart, 1; A. M. White, 2. Ditto, 4 yrs.: H. A. Smith, 1; A. M. White, 2. Ditto, 3yrs.: A. M. White, 1; H. Bates, 2. Best steer: G. A. Smith, 1; A. M. White, 2. Best cow: Mrs. G. A. Smith, 1; Walker Trustees, 2. Three bullocks, not over 6yrs.: A. M. White, 1; G. A. Smith, 2. Ditto, 5yrs.: Walker Trustees, 1; A. M. White, 2. Ditto, 4yrs.: Walker Trustees, 1; A. M. White, 2. Best three cows: J. Finn, 1; Walker Trustees, 2.

Farmers' Classes.—Fat ox, not over 5yrs., bred by exhibitor: Edward Curry, 1. Ditto, 4yrs.: Jas. Donnelly, 1 and 2. Ditto, 3yrs.: Jas. Donnelly. Fat ox, 5yrs., not bred by exhibitor: Jas. Donnelly. Three fat bullocks, not over 4yrs.: Edward Curry. Ditto, 5yrs.: F. Curry, 1; James Donnelly, 2. Fat cow or heifer: Jas. Donnelly, 1; H. Chorley, 2. Ditto, not bred by exhibitor: Jas. Donnelly, 1; H. Chorley, 2.

NARRABRI.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

There was a large attendance at the show to-day, and keen interest was manifested in the trotting and hunters' competitions. Awards:—

Merino.—Ram, 6 tooth: H. Hall. Ram, 4 tooth: H. Hall, 1; P. Mullins, 2. Ram, lamb: P. Mullins, 1 and 2. Ewe, 4 tooth or over: H. Hall, 1. Ewe, 2 tooth: H. Hall, 1; P. Mullins, 2. Ewe, lamb: H. Hall.

Poultry.—Champion bird: J. W. Steele. Champion cock or cockerel: J. W. Steele. Champion hen or pullet: G. Cross. Silver Wyandottes: J. H. Marchand. White Wyandotte cock: W. Parker. White Wyandotte hen: G. Cross. Black Orpington hen: G. Cross, 1. Cock or cockerel: J. W. Steele. Buff Orpington: J. W. Steele. Pair of Pekin ducks: W. Godbold. Rouen ducks: J. B. Brake. Geese: T. Smith.

Blood Horses.—Champion stallion: S. Dempsey. Best stallion, 3 yrs. and over: S. Dempsey, 1; W. Phillpott, 2. Stallion, 2 yrs. and under 3 yrs: L. W. McDonald. Blood mare: T. Crossing, 1; L. W. McDonald, 2. Colt, gelding or filly: L. Malone, 1; T. Crossing, 2. Filly, 2 yrs and under 3 yrs: L. Malone, 1; T. Crossing, 2. Colt: H. R. Thurlow. Colt, gelding or filly, under 2 yrs: J. Dempsey, 1; Dr. Segol, 2. Foal: T. Crossing and S. Dempsey.

Hackneys.—Mare to produce weight carriers: Dr. Park, 1; T. Crossing, 2. Hackney: T. Reid, 1; J. C. Wood, 2. Light weight hackney: J. Marchand, 1; T. Dempsey, 2. Ladies' hackney: H. R. Thurlow.

Pony, 14.2: Dr. Barton. Pony, 14 hands: J. Dempsey, 1; H. Logan, 2. Pony, 13.2 and under: R. S. Lord. Pony, 12 hands, ridden by boy or girl: Dr. Segol, 1; E. Picton, 2. Pony stallion: W. Doel, 1; W. F. Buchanan, 2. Pony turnout: R. S. Lord.

Harness Horses.—Pair of buggy horses: Dr. Barton. Single buggy horse: Dr. Barton. Pair of ponies: C. Cramsie. Pair buggy ponies: R. Lord. Single buggy pony: R. Lord.

Trotting or pacing stallion: W. Brown's Wonbobbie, 1.

Draughts.—Champion stallion: W. Doel. Best stallion, 3 yrs. and over: W. Doel. Colt, gelding or filly: J. Lehane, jun. Mare, 3 yrs. and over: E. H. Wall. Filly, under 3 yrs: Chas. Parker. Pair of plough horses: J. Lehane, jun. Draught foal: J. Lehane. Filly (Anthony Hordern's special), C. Parker.

Miscellaneous.—Thoroughbred stallion to produce cavalry horses: S. Dempsey. Foal, by the trotting horse The Diver: M. Edwards. Best walking horse: Edgeroi station. Mare to produce weight carriers: Dr. A. J. Park. Lady rider: Miss M. Patterson.

Cattle.—Champion Durham bull: E. H. Wall, 1; J. V. Whiteman, 2. Best bull, 3 yrs or over: E. H. Wall, 1; J. V. Whiteman, 2. Cow in calf or with calf at foot: J. V. Whiteman, 1; E. H. Wall, 2. Heifer, 2 yrs and under 3 yrs: E. H. Wall, 1 and 2. Heifer, under 2 yrs: J. V. Whiteman, 1; E. H. Wall, 2. Calf, under 1 yr: J. V. Whiteman, 1; E. H. Wall, 2. Hereford, cow in calf, with calf at foot: H. Carter, 1 and 2.

Dairy Cattle.—Dairy bull: G. Stork. Ayrshire bull: A. D. Frater. Jersey or Alderney cow: W. H. Monahan, 1; H. Carter, 2.

Fat Cattle.—Steer, 2 yrs: J. V. Whiteman, 1; A. T. Whiteman, 2. 3 fat steers: J. V. Whiteman.

Durham bull: Clark's Orman, 1; H. Carter, 2. Bull: J. V. Whiteman. Cow: J. V. Whiteman and A. T. Whiteman, 1; J. Lehane, 2. Heifer under 3yrs.: J. V. Whiteman, 1; E. J. Wall, 2. Heifer under 2yrs.: E. H. Wall. Heifer, 1yr.: E. J. Wall, 1. Calf: A. T. Whiteman, 1; E. J. Wall, 2. Pen of three steers: J. V. Whiteman. Pen of Durham heifers: E. J. Wall, 1 and 2. Collection of Durhams: J. V. Whiteman, 1; E. H. Wall, 2. Two heifers, under 2yrs.: J. V. Whiteman. Best Durham bull on ground: E. H. Wall. Three Durham heifers (Lassetter's special): J. V. Whiteman.

Special Prizes.—Best merino ram and progeny, ram and ewe: P. Mullins, 1; H. Hall, 2. Best ram, ewe, and lamb progeny (open to holders of not more than 2500 acres): P. Mullins, 1; H. Hall, 2. Merino ram and ewe, under 2yrs.: P. Mullins, 1; Athol Whiteman, 2. Three merino ram lambs, once shorn: P. Mullins, 1; Athol Whiteman, 2. Three merino ewe lambs, once shorn: H. Hall, 1; P. Mullins, 2. Collection of merino sheep, for small holders: A. G. Whiteman. Pen of three merino ram lambs: P. Mullins, 1.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

BOURKE.—198 mixed horses, Charleville (Q.) to Bourke, J. E. Burgess; 36 horses, Hoganthulla to Bourke, C. R. Low; 150 mixed cattle and 40 calves, Murra Murra to Clifton Downs, George Tate; 241 cattle, Norley (Q.) to Bourke, then to Sydney; 20 mixed horses, Nocoleche to Bourke, Union Bank; 652 fat bullocks, Tinnenburra to Sydney, D. F. Bray; 17 horses, Owengowen to Bourke, A. J. S. Bank; 140 horses, Mungundi to Bourke, B. Deignan; 27 horses, Mungundi to Bourke, H. Stent; 21 mixed horses, Elsinora to Bourke, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.

NARRABRI.—272 store ewes, Wattle Glen to Woolabra, H. Barry; 265 mixed cattle, Boggabri to Drildool, C. E. Thompson; 1400 wethers, Milton Vale to Horse Arm Creek, R. Terbutt; 7155 ewes, Pullaming to Yarraldool, J. K. and W. H. MacKay; 932 mixed hoggets, Tibbereena to Rosehill, W. Wilson; 308 ewes, Cubaco to Baradine, W. H. Carlow; 300 ewes, Apple Tree Camp to Flemington, estate late Jos. Wall; 3700 ewes, Harparary to Millie, A. R. Stafford; 1400 mixed sheep, Narrabri to Brigalow Creek, J. Goodyer; 1795 weaners, Minton (Q.) to Walcha, F. C. Fenwick; 2013 weaners, Umbercollie (Q.) to Walcha, same owner; 780 weaners, Bundali to Gorian, R. T. Garland; 2570 ewes, Jew's Lagoon to Newstead North, J. A. Anderson; 200 wethers, Murilong to Wonga, R. J. Barnes; 287 ewes, weaners, and hoggets, Rosehill to Flemington, W. Wilson; 1049 ewes, Terry-hie-hie to Kilgowla, P. Wilmott; 1200 mixed sheep, Mount Waugh to Selection (Edgeroi), J. Butler; 300 ewes, lambs, and rams, Apple Tree Clump to Flemington, estate late Jos. Wall; 289 fat weaners and lambs, Glenarvon to Flemington, J. Brown.

WEE WAA.—1080 head of cattle, from the Gulf to Beltrees, passed through here on Monday in splendid condition.

FATAL EXPLOSION AT THE HAINAULT.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

At the Hainault this morning a young miner, Elias Jones, was killed, and his mate, Charlie Weary, was badly injured, as the result of an explosion. The two men, at the 80ft level, fired a round of six holes in the stope. Five of the shots went off, and, after waiting some time, Jones and Weary returned to the face. The two men exercised extreme caution, and decided to refire the hole. They were on the point of doing so when a terrific explosion occurred. Jones was frightfully mutilated, and Weary, who was not in the direct line of fire, was found to be unconscious, suffering from a fractured shoulder-blade, several broken ribs, and other injuries.

NORTH SYDNEY BRIDGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The present Government having failed to improve the Rocks site with new streets and sell the land, and the Minister for Works having dissipated all hope of the bridge to North Sydney for some time, I think it would interest your readers to reprint the following extract from a speech of Sir Henry Parkes as recorded in the "Echo" for December 23, 1881:—

I intend, if I am spared and permitted, to make its parks and gardens equal in all that contributes to foster a taste for the beautiful in other parts of the world. (Applause.) The Government of which I am a member have already taken serious steps in the direction of entirely reconstructing portions of this city. (Applause.) We have not been remiss in this respect for some considerable time past, but we have instituted an examination, and have reports in our possession which will enable us to take early legislative action, so that we may wipe out as with a sponge many of the lowest parts of the city. (Loud applause.) Those parts which are now the hotbeds of fever and pestilence we intend to sweep away, and use the sites for new structures under certain conditions that will tend to permanently beautify the city, and render them a source of permanent health; while, at the same time, as we fervently hope, it will not cost a single guinea to the public exchequer. This is not a dream, but it is a projected work which we have earnestly set about, and although you may not have heard it until to-night, it is well in hand, and we trust if we continue to occupy our present positions that we shall have carried the project out to the advantage of the city, to the advantage of the public treasury, and to the gratification of every section of the people, and to the injury of no human soul. (Applause.) We intend, if we are sustained in power but a short time longer, to marry the south to the north of this beautiful city by a bridge across the harbour, and make Sydney and North Shore one great and magnificent city. The proposition has been started in Sydney for effecting this most important work; whether it will be carried out or not I am not in a position to say. But I may tell you, without any violation of Ministerial confidence, that I have advices from other parts of the world that capitalists are eager to enter into this enterprise, and I believe that in a very short time what is now known as St. Leonards will form part of the city of Sydney.

As the present Government appears to ignore the opportunity to make new streets to improve the city, or to go on with the bridge as initiated by their predecessors, it would be interesting to ascertain the cause for this change of policy, for which, in view of the present much greater population, there is no visible reason. I am, etc.,

NORTH SYDNEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your attitude upon the question of adequate connection between the two Sydneys deserves the gratitude of every resident of the north side. It is many years since Sir Henry Parkes adapted Macaulay's lines to this question:—

Who will stand at my right hand,
And build the bridge with me.

Yet still the bridge remains unbuilt, and seems further off than ever. Strenuous agitation has disappeared, and the local members seem disposed to follow the policy of laissez faire, but the people are becoming more and more restless at the risk and inadequacy of the present means of communication. So far as North Sydney is concerned, all other questions are of slight concern beside this one, and whether the local members like it or not, it will be the question of questions for candidates at the coming election, and unless an immediate and earnest effort is made by the present Government to deal with this question in a businesslike way, so as to bring about the building of a national bridge—one built by the people for the people—they will deserve to lose their supporters on the northern side of the harbour. I am, etc.,

March 1. F. A. WINTER.

Chamberlain's Tablets are "Just What You Need" when there is a feeling of fulness and distress after meals. They aid digestion and regulate the bowels, leaving them in a natural and healthy condition.—Advt.

Every farmer and pastoralist in the State should get a copy of this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail." There are special articles of an interesting character, with crisp notes on agriculture.—Advt.

BIRTHS.

DWANE.—March 2, at her residence, 210 Military-road, Neutral Bay, the wife of James Dwane, of a daughter.

WALSH.—February 4, 1907, at Madeline-street, Hunter's Hill, the wife of C. H. Walsh, of a daughter (Muriel Josephine Dorothea).

MARRIAGES.

CHAPMAN—BLOMFIELD.—January 16, at Salisbury Court, Uralla, by the Rev. Canon Hugill, Christopher Charles, fourth son of Thomas Chapman, Timaru, New Zealand, to Catharina, third daughter of Edwin C. Blomfield, of Salisbury Court, Uralla.

WARNFORD LOCK—BROOKE-HUNT.—February 21, at St. Peter's, Queenstown (N.Z.), Charles George Warnford Lock, formerly of Lucknow, N.S.W., and recently of Raub, Malaya, to Lilian Frances, second daughter of Charles George Brooke-Hunt, late R.N., and Mrs. Brooke-Hunt, of 124 Knightsbridge, London.

DEATHS.

BRANSBY.—March 6, 1907, at the residence of her parents, Cambridge, Brook-street, Coogee, Alice Mary, dearly beloved younger daughter of Charles S. and Ada M. Bransby, in her 24th year.

CRICKMAY.—March 5, 1907, at Prince Alfred Hospital, William Fairfield Crickmay, aged 56 years, the beloved husband of Annie Elizabeth Crickmay, of 17 Amy-street, Erskineville.

FALLON.—March 6, at his residence, Woniora, Wallace-street, Ashfield, Patrick Edwin Fallon, of Sydney and Albury, aged 79 years. R.I.P.

HENSLEY.—March 6, at his residence, No. 60 Little Tupper-street, Marrickville, Charles Winslow, second son of the late Thomas Hensley, aged 54 years.

KEATING.—March 6, at her residence, Waratah House, 135 Liverpool-street, Agnes Maud, the beloved wife of Thomas Keating, aged 39 years. R.I.P.

MAHONEY.—March 6, 1907, at R.P.A. Hospital, Camperdown, Samuel Mahoney, dearly beloved son of Mrs. Imbula, of No. 11 Toogood-street, Erskineville, aged 20 years.

MEDD.—March 6, 1907, at his brother's, (Mr. W. Medd) residence, Grosvenor-crescent, Summer Hill, Frank Edward Medd, chemist, of Wagga Wagga, formerly of North Sydney, aged 43 years.

ROUSE.—March 4, at Argyle, Brighton, England, Hannah T. Rouse, widow of the late Edwin Rouse, of Rouse Hill and Guntawang, aged 87. (By cable.)

IN MEMORIAM.

ADAMS.—In sad but loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother, James, who departed this life, March 7, 1904. Inserted by his loving mother, sisters, and brothers. R.I.P.

GRANT.—In memory of my loving wife, Margaret Elizabeth Grant, who departed this life in 1905. Sleep in peace. Inserted by her loving husband, W. O. Grant.

GRANT.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret Elizabeth Grant, who departed this life on March 7, 1905, aged 45 years and 7 months. Though lost to sight to memory dear. Inserted by her loving sons and daughters, William, Walter, Rachael, and Myrtle.

GRANT.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister, Violet Augusta Grant, who departed this life on March 9, 1897, aged 6 years and 7 months. Inserted by her loving brothers and sisters, William, Walter, Rachel, and Myrtle.

HARRISON.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Elizabeth Sarah Harrison, who departed this life on March 7, 1906.

We saw her suffering day by day,
It caused us bitter grief
To see her slowly pine away
And could not give relief.
Not dead to us, we loved her dear;
Not lost, but gone before;
She lives with us in memory still,
And will for evermore.

Inserted by her loving husband and sons and daughters.

HARRISON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Sarah Harrison, who departed this life on March 7, 1906, aged 51 years. Though lost to sight to memory dear. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Carrie.

LILLYMAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, who departed this life on March 7, 1906.

All you that have a father
Cherish him with tender care;
For when he's dead and gone for ever,
Ah! you will miss him everywhere.

Inserted by his wife and children.

SOUTHAN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear husband and father, W. M. Southan, who died March 7, 1904. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

SOUTHAN.—In loving memory of my dear father, William Morgan Southan, who departed this life on March 7, 1904. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Inserted by his loving son, Horace Morgan Southan.

TUBBY.—In loving memory of our dearly-beloved son and brother, Frederick, who died March 7, 1906.

We saw him suffering day by day,
It caused us pain and grief;
To see him slowly pine away,
And could not give relief.
Not dead to us; we loved him dear;
Not lost, but gone before;
He lives with us in memory still,
And will for evermore.

Inserted by his loving mother and brothers. Mrs. E. Tubby.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. NORMAN HINDS desire to return THANKS to all the friends of their late beloved father and themselves for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1907.

PILLIGA AND THE DORRIGO.

No greater contrast could be indicated than by bracketing the lands covered by the above heading, and yet one difficulty makes them kin for the moment. With both the Pilliga scrub and the Dorrigo the Department of Lands recognises a pressing need; but the something in administration which may make all the difference between success and failure in settling these areas seems to be lacking. The pressing need comes with the demand for land all through the State. The something lacking is apparently business grip, with a determination to leave no stone unturned to make settlement a speedy reality. We admit without reserve the special difficulties in each case. On the Dorrigo a great extent of country with fine producing possibilities has to be dealt with, but the incoming settler must not be handicapped by burdens either of an unreasonable price for the land or of a harassing cost of getting to market. The special difficulties are those of immediate access and the cost of clearing land of extraordinary fertility. The people who want the land are ready to take it up if the department will allow them to do so, yet from our correspondence columns yesterday it will be seen that November is mentioned as the earliest at which access will be granted. Disappointed settlers are now hurrying away after chasing the will-o'-the-wisp of a promised early subdivision. It is, probably, hard to make the land available, because roads cannot be formed in a day; and the problem of settlement is rendered more intricate by the advertisement which the Dorrigo has received. But the trouble is that the Government has gone out of its way to promise that these magnificent lands shall be dealt with, and the present delay is discrediting the State outside and making confusion inside.

Of the Pilliga scrub it may be said that much haste is being made to give the would-be settler his chance. The Government appears to be as anxious to get forward in one case as it seems hesitant and backward in the other. But the question arises whether the right course is being adopted. Mr. Walton, of the Narrabri Farmers and Settlers' Association, has written to indicate a very serious doubt upon the point, and he knows the country well. The Government's idea seems to be to get a large area cleared; and a South Australian method of getting rid of the scrub with a "devil"—a process by which the growth of every sort is levelled in one sweep—is favoured. But this will cost £1 per acre at least; and Mr. Walton thinks that it would be better to cut and clear good roads through the area, and allow settlement at a nominal price for farms, rather than risk possible over-capitalisation. Here again we admit ungrudgingly the special difficulties. The Pilliga country has been reported upon until the department may be pardoned if it is puzzled as to the best course to pursue. But the suggestion that unnecessary risks should not be taken seems a wise one. Much of the land is undoubtedly good, and we believe settlement will come as it is thrown open. We can see, also, that some clearing should be done to show the way. Yet unless the soundest business faculty and the most vigorous administration go together in dealing with this matter, the country may be saddled with a clearing that will prove too expensive at the price. We want settlement, not an area immediately cleared of scrub, and the Pilliga country may be best dealt with on local advice.

THE DUMA.

The most interesting event riveting the attention of civilisation just now is the meeting of the second Russian Duma. The history of the first experiment in the direction of holding a deliberative and Legislative Assembly in St. Petersburg was not such as to beget sanguine hopes for the future, or even the expectation that there would be another elected Parliament. But that has now come, and much will depend on the manner in which the new legislative body approaches the duties of the high function conferred upon it. We hear much about the disorders and the rottenness in Russia, but it has to be remembered that the name covers a vast territory, inhabited by 140,000,000 of people, which number includes no less than 55,000,000 who can fairly be classified as true Russians. Such a vast aggregation of human beings, however we take the figures, represents a huge force in the world of to-day. It may become a still more significant portent in the world of to-morrow, or of the next quarter of a century. This very Duma, which met in St. Petersburg this week, and the one which preceded it, may be quoted in some not remote after-day as marking a great epoch in the development of the human species, and the liberty of a large section of the globe's population.

The good wishes and the highest hopes of the best minds which Western civilisation has developed will go with the Duma in its deliberations. That speech of the British Prime Minister to the delegates of the late Duma at Westminster may have been indiscreet in the circumstances, but it was generously so, and there is no doubt that it expressed contemporary sentiment in regard to the national regenerative work which the past Duma and the present have taken in hand. It must be remembered that the first great result of the meeting of this Parliament is that the old autocratic pretensions of the Czars are at an end. It was not the Czar's signing of the act of renunciation, but the meeting of the Duma, which settled that question at once and forever. It is improbable to the verge of the miraculous that Russia, having now called two such Parliaments together, will ever relapse into a condition when there shall be no elective Duma at all. We may take it for granted that this Assembly is still far from being thoroughly representative of the whole country. It would be asking too much to expect that. Parliamentary institutions have to develop in Russia as they have developed everywhere else. It is a matter of time, and several other things beside. But the mere fact that the Duma has met again is encouraging, in spite of the news in our cables this morning. A list of important bills is promised by the Prime Minister, M. Stolypin, and the socialists and constitutional democrats already counsel prudence and moderation. These are favourable signs, and the second experiment in constitutional government in Russia will be followed with the more interest on that account.

THE NEW HEBRIDES CONVENTION.

According to Mr. Winston Churchill, the Colonial Office was in frequent communication with the Governor of Fiji before and after the completion of the New Hebrides convention. The reason why this officer should have been consulted in the matter—for presumably the communication implied the request for advice—is not stated; and certainly it cannot be claimed that his opinion on the points in question would be more valuable than that of the Governments of Australia and New Zealand. True, the Governor of Fiji is also High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, but this imposing title does not increase the value of his personal views on the New Hebrides. He is not ex officio qualified to pronounce or to advise on difficult questions, and if he is not qualified ex officio he is not qualified at all. For the present Governor has only occupied this position for two or three years, and the Colonial Office can hardly claim that his experiences as Curator of the British Guiana Museum or his exploration work in that colony, valuable though this was scientifically, or his lieutenant-governorship of Ceylon, warranted the belief that he was better equipped to advise about the New Hebrides than the Prime Minister of Australia or the Premier of New Zealand.

This consideration will certainly not reconcile Australians and New Zealanders to the fact that, whilst the colonies most interested in the administration of the New Hebrides were practically not consulted at all in a matter which so nearly concerns them, the Imperial Government chose to consult the Governor of a Crown colony. Such an officer has no responsible Ministers to guide him, and the opinion he gives is his own, and has no value except what is conferred upon it by his personal experience. As we have seen, personal experience did not exist in this case. On the other hand, if Lord Elgin had consulted the Governments of Australia and of New Zealand, it would have meant that he would have obtained the advice and learnt the opinions of the responsible Ministers of these countries. Obviously, if the object of the Colonial Office was to learn the facts of the case from an Australian point of view, Lord Elgin would have obtained the advice of men familiar with the subject and responsible for their advice to Australasia, instead of communicating with an officer whose personal knowledge of the matters in question was small, and who is responsible for his advice only to the Colonial Office. We are assuming that the advice tendered by the Governor of Fiji was in accord with the motives of the Imperial Government in drafting this unfortunate convention. If it was, it was bad advice. If, however, the Governor understood Australasian feeling and advised accordingly, the proceedings of the Imperial Government are more incomprehensible than ever. It would then be a case of Australasian interests being sacrificed in the face of the previous representations of the Australasian Governments, and of the advice of the officer whom the Imperial Government consulted whilst it ignored the officers directly interested in the matter. However we look at it, it is a bad business, redounding little to the credit of the Imperial Government, or to the interests of the Empire in this part of the world.

THE TERRITORY AND PAPUA.

There seems to be an impression in Adelaide that South Australia does not stand to get as much out of the bargain between Mr. Price and Mr. Deakin over the Northern Territory as that State might have expected. That attitude is by way of being characteristic of South Australia, suggesting a modern application of the Canning epigram, which explains how

"the fault of the Dutch
Lies in giving too little and asking too much."

We had an illustration of this tendency in connection with the Murray waters, and the Commonwealth will probably hear a good deal more of it before the question of the transcontinental railways is settled. But we may take leave to doubt if the interests of the Northern Territory and of Australia as a whole in that region, and more particularly in respect of its unprotected and exposed coastline, are not far too important to be limited by the provincial views of the State which has made so rank a failure of the Territory up to the present. The narrow bargaining spirit in which South Australia is now indulging is not calculated to produce a good impression either on the Federal Parliament or in the other States. That State gets rid of an area which is but a white elephant on its hands, its accumulated debt is wiped out, and the yearly outlay which threatens to become a permanent burden on its budget is got rid of. But South Australia, like Oliver Twist, wants more. It aspires to set bounds to the policy of Federal railway development and to lay down a hard-and-fast condition that a railway line must run straight from Oodnadatta to Pine Creek, the present terminus of the Port Darwin line.

This demand was put forward at a public meeting in Adelaide on Tuesday by Sir Josiah Symon, who also protested against the Western Australian connection, and wanted the northern boundary of South Australia shifted two degrees further up in the event of the Territory being taken over. Whatever may be decided, this kind of demand will not tend to expedite the negotiations or produce a favourable impression. The whole question of this Northern Territory, of New Guinea, and of Northern Queensland will have to be faced in a much broader and more national spirit if the Commonwealth is to handle it successfully. For in a sense these three subjects are one, however they may and do differ in local detail. They will either become a permanent source of weakness to the Commonwealth, or its buttress and an integral part of its strength. It is hoped that the recent inquiry into the condition of things in New Guinea may prepare the way for a more successful treatment of the problem there, and the appointment of ex-Senator Staniforth Smith is part of the new departure. By this morning's telegrams it will be seen that there is some talk of New Guinea labour in connection with the pearling industry at Thursday Island. The North Queensland cane fields present their own problem, and the handful of whites among the yellow population of the Northern Territory suggests another. The hope of the North lies in its railway communications, whether connecting with the Queensland system or tapping the pastoral country in the Northern Territory. But if the hands of the Federal Government are to be tied from the first by a grasping agreement at the instance of South Australia it might almost be better to leave the Territory severely alone.

TELEPHONE TROUBLES.

Hardly a day passes without complaints being received by us for publication from telephone subscribers who have not given up the flat rate for the toll system. As those who have accepted the latter do not seem to be in trouble, we may conclude that the department is tempering the wind to them; and the brunt of congestion at the exchanges—if that is the explanation of the chorus of indignation that is beginning to rise—is not borne by the latest additions to the telephone list. It should under ordinary conditions be otherwise; but the Federal departments have a way of their own; and it is sometimes necessary to read their riddles backwards to get their meaning. From the Postmaster-General's point of view it is, no doubt, necessary to satisfy fresh or converted subscribers that they have lost nothing by accepting the new service; and an overworked department is thus being screwed up to make the toll system a success. But it is quite evident that this is only being achieved at the expense of the service as a whole. Some subscribers tell us that they are seriously thinking of letting the telephone go, except when pressed by some desperate emergency. Time wasted by waiting for connections, and tempers tried by exchange vagaries as conversations are ruthlessly cut off, may be better saved by spending money on telegrams or by going personally, as in the olden days, to interview friends or clients. The Postmaster-General will, no doubt, smile at this; because the more relief the department gets so, the better will the attendants be able to deal with the business in hand, which is—watching the toll system.

It is quite certain that the majority of Sydney subscribers will not calmly acquiesce in any laissez faire policy of the sort. They will not submit quietly to methods of administration which tend to dislocate business, and which make a farce of an expensive convenience. There is some hope, of course, in the fact that Melbourne is beginning to cry out. Exasperation is becoming as keen in one capital as it is in the other; and the attendants down south on being interviewed explain that there have been such additions to their duties as make effective service quite impossible. A parsimonious Administration has practically doubled the demands upon some of the exchanges; and what at one time was accepted as a reasonable tax upon attendants is now little better than downright cruelty. Mr. Scott, of course, replies that the hours are not long, and that so much time is allowed for meals. But he says nothing of the pressure during the interval of work, nor of the increasing irritation of a short-served public. The fact is that the telephone system has become such a necessity and has grown out of hand so fast that the department is out of breath; and there is nothing available with which to provide an adequate service. Hence the Postmaster-General is in a quandary. But he would find matters easier by spending if need be a little more money on the service than by arousing a patient public.

Holiday-making Ministers.—The Parliamentary recess is the playtime of the politician, and unless he happens to be in business he has ample time at his disposal to patronise his constituents in the 'Way Back, and to make himself a jolly good fellow throughout his electorate. In the popular mind, however, there is a belief that the Cabinet Minister has no respite from the exactions of official duty, and that the advisers of his Excellency the Governor are amongst the hardest-worked men in the land. That the idea is erroneous may be gathered from the fact that members of the New South Wales Cabinet manage to combine duty with pleasure in a manner calculated to relieve the monotony of signing papers and interviewing representatives of impecunious country districts in which roads and bridges are continuously in need of Government attention. And it may be assumed that the little outings in which Ministers indulge from time to time help to brighten official life considerably, and serve to dispel that feeling of weariness which, as has been reported on several occasions, has almost driven several Ministers from office. Yesterday, for instance, the only two Ministers holding portfolios who remained in town were the Chief Secretary and the Minister for Public Instruction. The Premier, who has been spending much of his time since Parliament prorogued holiday-making, is in Tasmania; the Minister for Lands and the Minister for Mines have gone together to Barraba, which is in Mr. Moore's electorate; the Attorney-General was away at Braidwood; and the Minister for Works has gone north to inspect certain works at the Richmond River, and incidentally to see some of his constituents. Yesterday Mr. O'Conor and Mr. Hogue each divided their attention between several departments, and the work of government went along without a hitch despite the absence of so many Ministers from town.

Public Works Committee.—The proposed railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills was inquired into by the committee on Tuesday and yesterday, further evidence being given by Mr. W. Hutchinson, chief engineer of the railway and tramway construction branch, and Mr. L. A. B. Wade, principal engineer for rivers, water supply, and drainage. Mr. J. Kneeshaw, superintendent of tramways, gave further evidence respecting the proposed tramway to Balmain, and Mr. S. J. Bull, solicitor, was examined on the same subject.

Tocumwal Railway.—A correspondent in yesterday's "Herald" made some suggestions, which he commended to the notice of the Railway Commissioners, with reference to the line of railway to be constructed from the Victorian side of the Murray to Tocumwal, in New South Wales. The Railway Commissioners point out that the matter is one in which they have no concern or authority. The line is to be constructed under the authority of Parliament and the supervision of the Public Works Department. The work will be carried out by the Victorian Government, and the Government of this State will be paid 4 per cent. on a moiety of the cost of the bridge, and of the line from the border to Tocumwal. No officer of the Victorian railways has conferred with the Commissioners respecting the line.

Camp Schools.—Usually official reports are not documents in which one would look for entertaining reading matter, but Mr. A. E. Cradick, the officer organising the rural camp schools for city boys, has made an exception to the rule. His report on the camp-school session at Duckenfield, in the Morpeth district, is not only illustrated with excellent reproductions of photographs depicting interesting phases of camp life, and by his own original diagrams illustrative of the work accomplished and to be done, but he contrives to give a very racy narrative of the city lads' behaviour out in the country districts, and to analyse their impressions of rurality and their experiences of life on the farm. The report is printed in the current issue of the official publication of the Department of Public Instruction, and is more valuable as a criticism from the organising officer's point of view of an undertaking from which he anticipates important results than as a mere record of work done during the session at Duckenfield in October and November last.

"Sydney a Walled City."—It requires no very remarkable stretch of imagination to believe that to the minds of many Sydney schoolboys Sydney is the world. It is at all events all of the world they have any particular or personal interest in, and to them what lies beyond the metropolitan boundary is a something which is of no concern to them. Under the heading of "Sydney a Walled City," Mr. A. E. Cradick, organising officer of the camp schools, in his report to the Minister for Public Instruction on the Duckenfield session, refers to this subject, and expresses the hope that the camp schools will be the means of broadening the horizon for city lads. "I have seen," he writes, "some of our city boys evince an equally curious interest in aspects of country life in our own State during the Hunter Valley term as adult travellers do when ashore at Aden or Suez or among the old-world wonders of Pompeii. The average city boy's mental horizon is at present conterminous with Sydney's suburban boundaries. The rural camp school work is definitely extending the horizon of actual knowledge. May it not suggest in a boy's mind the inquiry from the 'Further Out' for a knowledge of 'The Beyond' which his books can supply? And if so, is not this inquiry creating the living interest in things which alone justifies any expenditure of time and energy on the acquisition of literary knowledge? If the rural camp schools can lead a boy to see that his devoted Sydney is merely the distributing centre for a rural community on whose prosperity the wellbeing of the city depends—if it only helps him to realise that as a city boy he possesses the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizenship in its widest national sense—then the institution will at least have justified its existence. But it has also suggested to him something of the dignity of work."

Russian Jew Immigrants.—At a special meeting of the executive committee of the Immigration League held last week, the chief business was the enunciation of the attitude of the league on the subject of the populating of the Northern Territory—whether by British whites, indentured coolies from the British dominions, kanakas, or Russian, Polish, or other European immigrants. Dr. Arthur, M.L.A., presided. The following amended resolutions were decided on unanimously:—1. That this meeting is totally opposed to and strongly protests against the suggested introduction of Russian Jews into the Northern Territory. 2. That every scheme for immigration into Australia should contain provisions ensuring that preference be given to British white subjects in all respects, and reaffirms the resolution passed on January 11, 1907 (that the policy of this league is to assist in settling on the land the people already living in the country, and confining any subsidies, assisted passages, etc., intended to stimulate immigration, to British-born white citizens). 3. That subject thereto it is proper and desirable, in view of the urgent need for the development of our lands and the defence of our extensive territory, to welcome the immigration into Australia of suitable agricultural settlers from the different European countries.

Returned Soldiers' Pay.—Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., who is sitting as a Royal Commissioner to inquire into the claims of returned soldiers for Imperial pay, in addition to the daily pay of 4s 6d by the colonial Government, resumed the inquiry yesterday. Some 41 claimants gave evidence to the effect that they received official assurances that in addition to the daily allowance of 4s 6d received from the colonial Government they would receive 1s 2d per day from the Imperial Government. One witness stated that he left an order for the full amount of his pay, plus allowances, behind him, relying upon the assurance that he would receive Imperial pay in South Africa. Originally his intention was to retain for his personal wants, 6d per day, but he varied his order on learning that Imperial pay would be made on the scene of action. An adjournment was made to the following day.

Reward for Tramway Men.—A few days ago Tram-conductor Elliott and Driver J. W. Trevener, of a Balmain tram, rendered assistance to the police in connection with the capture of two persons against whom a charge was preferred. At the time the Inspector-General of Police expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by the men, and he has now forwarded to the Railway Commissioners a cheque for £2 10s for Elliott, and one for £2 for Trevener, as a recognition of their assistance. In his accompanying letter the Inspector-General expresses the hope that the Commissioners will not object to the men being rewarded, and the Commissioners have replied that they have no objection whatever.

City Council Assessment.—The Governor has, with the advice of the Executive Council, extended for a period of two months the time for the making and fixing of an assessment and rate for the current year, under the Sydney Corporation Act, by the City Council.

Shipping Facilities at Newcastle.—Complaints have been made of an insufficiency of accommodation for vessels loading at the Ballast Wharf at Newcastle. Mr. J. Davis, Under-Secretary for Public Works, will leave Sydney on Friday night on a visit to Newcastle, and he will avail himself of the opportunity afforded to inquire as to the need for further facilities.

Habitual Criminals.—Regulations to be observed in places of confinement proclaimed under the Habitual Criminals Act are published in yesterday's "Government Gazette." Prisoners are to be classified and dealt with under a progressive-stage system, by which they will practically determine their own treatment as regards the enjoyment of privileges, or the reverse. They will be classified into three grades—the lower, the intermediate, and the higher. The lower will be divided into two sub-grades—the penal and the ordinary. Prisoners in the intermediate and higher grades will be competent to earn various privileges for which those in the lower grades will not be eligible. Prisoners of each grade will, as far as practicable, be kept apart from those in the other grades, and every prisoner will have a separate cell, in which he will sleep, have his meals, and keep his belongings.

A.O.O.F. Session.—The fifty-ninth annual session of the A.O.O.F (Sydney district) was concluded yesterday afternoon. The newly-elected District Chief Ranger, Bro. W. H. Watts, presided. The following office-bearers were elected:—Sub-district Chief Ranger, R. Smith; district treasurer, J. Stuart; district secretary, J. Cooksey; district beadle and messenger, E. J. Randall; I.M.P.D.C.R., W. G. Eyles; management committee, T. J. Thompson, E. D. Simons, and D. N. Tyler; auditors, J. B. Murray and J. A. Wilson; arbitration committee, R. J. Roy, C. Gimber, G. H. Warren, W. W. Elliott, C. Cooper, E. McCartney, E. W. Hawkins, W. A. Belshaw, F. Martin, G. Hook, P. Hanson, and A. E. Turner; representatives to the Friendly Societies' Association, W. H. Watts, D.C.R., W. G. Eyles, I.M.P.D.C.R., P. Hampson, E. Cooksey. After the election of officers, Bro. W. H. Watts presented the retiring General District Ranger, Bro. W. G. Eyles, with a full set of regalia. The presentation was made in a becoming speech, and Bro. Eyles gracefully replied.

Term Business.—In view of the number of matters which have still to be disposed of by the Full Court, it has been decided to extend the Term sittings for a week. As the paper now stands, there are about half a dozen new trial motions awaiting determination, nine demurrers and special cases, and eight motions, including applications for prohibition, etc. The number of appeals has also been increased by several cases, which have been added since the supplementary list was issued.

Humour in the Solomon Islands.—Certain proceedings in 1905, at Gizo, in the Solomon Island, British Protectorate, elicited at the trial of the action Hazelton v Potter, would have furnished an admirable opportunity for a librettist possessing the pungent and humorous satire of Gilbert. According to the evidence of the plaintiff, it appeared that on one occasion in the year named he sailed into port flying the British merchant ensign from the mainmast of his vessel and the skull and crossbones from the foremast. He was asked, by a hostile counsel, "Will you explain to me the joke of the late Acting Deputy Resident Commissioner flying the skull and crossbones on a British ship, in a British possession?" and witness explained by saying "I had no flag for the fore, and always flew the British at the main, and before to-day I have hoisted a pair of trousers at the fore, also a gin bottle and a pannikin at one time. It is a general thing in the islands, where you do not see one another often, to hoist a joking signal when passing fellows you know." He admitted that he flew the flag of sinister omen while lying at anchor at Gizo, but apparently gave as a reason that a steamer was coming in at the time. He stated further "I do know what the skull and crossbones means in history. I believe a British regiment has the flag. I did not mean any disrespect or harm, and always dipped the ensign when passing a Government station or vessel." He also asserted that the Resident Commissioner of the period treated the flag as a joke, but it seems from the subsequent trouble in which plaintiff found himself involved that the Acting Deputy Commissioner was deficient of the sense of humour.

Another Will Case.—A number of cases have been before the Probate Court of late in which the validity of wills has been challenged. Mr. Justice Street began the hearing of another yesterday. A labouring man named John Brand died last November, leaving a will in which he bequeathed his property to one daughter, and another daughter entered a caveat against probate being granted, alleging testamentary incapacity on the part of her father at the time the will was made. The evidence for the plaintiff—the executor—was confined to proving the making and execution of the will, and to testator's ability to make a will at the time. That for the defendant, the caveatrix, went into a good deal of family history, and tended to show that the will was in direct contradiction to testator's intentions, expressed both before and after it was made, even up to the week in which he died. Testimony was also given as to the religious connections of deceased. He left St. Paul's Church of England because he thought it was too High Church for him, and went to a Methodist church. After two months he left this because "they were always cadging," and then he attended the religious services in the parks on Sundays. The hearing of the case was not finished.

An Interesting Case.—After lasting for nearly two days, the argument before the Full Court in the action Hazelton v Potter was decided yesterday. The plaintiff sued the defendant, who is a superintendent of police, to recover compensation for what was alleged to be assault and false imprisonment. It appeared that, acting upon a warrant issued by one Oliphant, on the river at Brisbane, the police here took plaintiff into custody pending his deportation to Fiji, and he complained that the arrest was illegal. The action was heard in June last, and the jury gave plaintiff a verdict, with substantial damages. The defendant then appealed, and the points at issue were practically reduced to the question whether defendant, in carrying out the warrant, honestly believed the existence of a state of facts which, if they had existed, would have been a defence to the action, and would therefore have entitled him to one month's clear notice. The Full Court by majority (Mr. Justice Pring being the dissentient) answered the question in the affirmative, and the verdict for plaintiff was set aside, and a nonsuit entered.

Ferries as Matrimonial Agencies.—During the present hearing of the appeal of the Firemen's and Deck-hands' Association to the Arbitration Court, consisting of Judge Heydon, Messrs. P. J. Wright and E. Riley, it was stated in evidence that one of the employees of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, a married man, 25 years of age, with one child, was receiving £1 2s 6d weekly for 13½ hours' labour a day, after four years' service. Yesterday evidence on the side of the company was given by Mr. W. G. Todd, the manager, who said that the man in question had been dismissed for misbehaviour when receiving £1 weekly, and was subsequently reinstated owing to it being said that he was starving. Mr. Todd had no knowledge of his marriage until some years after it had taken place. He was proceeding to relate a number of the man's misdoings, when the counsel for the company (Mr. Broomfield) interposed, remarking "I did not want to show the man up. I merely wished to show what the facts were. A lot has been made of paying a married man 25s a week." "22s 6d," corrected Mr. Riley. "Well, 22s 6d," admitted Mr. Broomfield. "The ferry is not a marrying institution." "It seems to be a sweating institution," retorted Mr. Riley, aggressively. Mr. Broomfield smiled blandly. "That may be your view at present," he said "but when a boy gets married on 10s a week, that's his job."

The Employers' Side.—In the Arbitration Court yesterday the evidence on behalf of the Firemen's and Deck-hands' Association of New South Wales closed, and Mr. W. G. Todd, manager of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, was called to give evidence to rebut the claims for higher wages, shorter hours, and other concessions. Mr. Todd said that at ordinary times the company had twenty boats running, and on four of the big ones the men doing firing and greasing were paid £4 4s to £4 7s for a fortnight of 120 hours. Overtime at the rate of 7d and 9d an hour was paid for work in excess of 120 hours. The directors had in no way approached the men, or asked them to leave the union. The higher rate paid to non-unionists—and also one or two old employees who were unionists—was the outcome of an agreement arrived at between the directors and certain men who seceded from the union. They asked for improved conditions, and the directors eventually decided to pay them a different scale of wages. It would be impracticable to arrange eight hours' shifts, and the claim of the firemen for £2 10s for 48 hours would make the wages higher than those paid by companies under which the work was harder. The claim amounted to £144 6s 8d a year, as against £144 paid by the coastal steamers, making allowance for victualling and other matters. The amount of coal consumed by the Sydney Ferries steamers was also less, in some cases, than half that consumed by the Port Jackson Company's steamers. With regard to washing the decks, Mr. Todd stated that the top-decks were washed once a week, twice a week if necessary, and, under some circumstances, three three times a week. They were brushed perfectly clean every day, and the company had been complimented for the cleanliness of its steamers and wharfs. "I consider that the deck-hands are amply paid at 22s 6d a week," said Mr. Todd, in cross-examination, "because they could not get the same wages for equal work anywhere in Sydney. In offices and stores boys have to work all day for 5s and 10s a week to commence with. The shop-hand of 21 years of age is certainly not as well paid as are deck-hands."

The Ferryman's Lot.—During the past few days the Arbitration Court has been treated to pathetic stories of the hardships which the ferry employees has to undergo, but none of the witnesses on behalf of the union referred to the fascinations of the calling. The manager of the Sydney Ferries (Mr. Todd), however, gave evidence yesterday, and according to his story the arduous task of firing and lassooing stanchions has many compensations. At the lowest estimate, he said, fully 25 per cent. of their hours of toil consist of absolute leisure. They may be seen chatting together on matters of personal interest. They smoke, with the permission of the company, in the stoke-hole; and, without its permission, on deck. They improve their minds by reading newspapers, and sometimes they enjoy a little horse-play. But the most important of all the ferrymen's privileges are frowned on by an unsympathetic company. These include, Mr. Todd remarked, "skylarking with young women," and clambering up from the stoke-hole to sit in a state of ecstatic satisfaction alongside daintily-dressed ladies. Mr. Todd's evidence almost persuaded everybody in court to wish that he might be a ferry employee.

The Apprentice at the Wheel.—The disquieting assertion that the steamers of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, were occasionally left to deck-hands to steer was satisfactorily explained by the manager (Mr. Todd) in his evidence before the Arbitration Court yesterday. "I have seen it done," said Mr. Todd, when questioned as to the practice; "but it is at a time when traffic is slack, or after the vessel has left the wharf. The deck-hand who steers is qualifying for the position of master, and we have no objection to his doing so, as long as the master stands by. The master, in his own interest, is not going to run any risks which might result in his losing his certificate. If anything happened while the deck-hand was steering, the master would be dealt with."

The Weather.—The heat wave on Tuesday was succeeded late at night by a cool southerly change, which by 9 o'clock yesterday morning had extended as far as the Tweed River Heads. No rain was reported yesterday from any portion of the State, but there were a few isolated showers to the southward of Jervis Bay on Tuesday night. As the result of a thunder and hail storm at Eden 130 points were registered, but at other stations the rains were light. The Meteorologist says that fine, pleasant weather conditions may be expected to-day, with southerly winds.

A Plucky Lad.—A little girl named Minnie Powell, while returning from a picnic in connection with the Camperdown Congregational Church Sunday-school last evening, fell from the wharf at Fort Macquarie into the water. One of the first to notice the child's disappearance was a lad of 15, named Harold Tucker, a scholar of the same school, who promptly leaped into the water to the rescue, and, with assistance from those on the wharf, a speedy rescue was effected. The child was taken in charge by a nurse present, who procured some dry clothing and took her home.

The Incoming Mail Steamer.—The R.M.S. Ophir, from London, left Melbourne last night, and is due here to-morrow afternoon. On arrival she will berth at the Orient Royal Mail Line Wharf, Circular Quay, arrangements having been made for the outward bound mail steamer Orotava to sail from the Messageries Maritimes Wharf on Saturday next. The Ophir sails hence for Brisbane on Saturday at 4 p.m., and leaves the northern port again on Tuesday next, reaching Sydney on Wednesday night or Thursday morning. The Ophir will call at Hobart on the homeward trip, and will sail for London on Wednesday, 20th inst., at 4 p.m.

Australia's Prosperity.—In the editorial columns of the "Rand Daily Mail" of February 7, Australia is referred to as a country where prosperity is as marked as is depression in South Africa:—"Amongst the unemployed, the desire to emigrate to the Great South Land is undisguised, and unless better times come soon the present exodus in that direction is likely to continue. South Africa has in the past received many thousands of men from Australia, and the tendency in the opposite direction is but one more evidence of the curiously close association between two lands so far apart and so slenderly united—up to recent years—by the bonds of trade." The difference in the ideals of the early days in the two countries is regarded as mainly responsible for the difference in the degrees of expansion now attained, far more than any climatic advantage possessed by Australia. It is further pointed out that in the story of New South Wales there are lessons for South Africa—the old lesson that real prosperity lies in the development of the land; and the lesson that a country inhabited by people who believe in it, and will work for it, can weather the roughest gale.

Scottish Modern Arts' Association.—An appeal is being made to patriotic Scotsmen in all parts of the world to assist the Scottish Modern Arts' Association recently formed in Edinburgh, "to secure, year by year, such works of Scottish artists as a thoroughly qualified and unbiassed committee of selection may judge to be worthy of purchase, and secondly, as funds permit, to extend its operations by purchasing contemporary works of outstanding interest, other than Scottish, and so to form for Scotland an adequate collection of modern art in its most comprehensive sense." A circular letter issued by the executive committee points out that it has long been admitted that the existence in Scotland of a recognised school of painting and sculpture, together with the absence of any society with funds to secure representative specimens of its best modern work as national possessions, constitutes an anomaly of the most unusual description. The circular letter further points out "that there is not in foreign countries that neglect of Scottish art which we are compelled to deplore in our own, for it will be allowed that there is not yet a gallery in Scotland to which the student of art, professional or amateur, resident or visiting, can be referred, as containing a permanent collection of work, adequately representative of modern Scottish art. The absence of a gallery of modern Scottish art is largely responsible for the indifference and ignorance which prevails regarding the Scottish school."

The Railway Department announces that commencing on Saturday next the Corowa-Culcairn mixed train on Saturdays will be timed to leave Corowa at 12.30 p.m. (instead of 6.50 p.m.), the same as on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The time for receiving tenders for the construction of the Arthur's Pass tunnel on the Midland railway, New Zealand, has been extended from March 18 to July 1.

A complimentary social will be tendered to Mr. John Hindle in the Manchester Unity Oddfellows' Hall, Enmore-road, to-morrow night.

NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

A public meeting was held last night for the purpose of protesting against the adoption of the site chosen by Mr. Usher for the railway station at Dungog. The meeting decided that the adoption of the proposed site was detrimental to the best interests of the town, and decided that a resolution to that effect be forwarded to Mr. W. Bennett, M.L.A., asking his co-operation in having a more central site adopted.

PERSONAL.

The Postmaster-General (Mr. Chapman) left Melbourne yesterday. To-day he will join the Governor-General at Moss Vale for a tour through the Eden-Monaro district.

The acting rector of St. James's, Sydney, the Rev. John Kirkland, has received a communication from the Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith to the effect that he is returning to St. James's in June. Mr. W. I. Carr-Smith is anxious to spend Easter in England, and will visit Italy on his way to Australia.

The Rev. W. G. Gann has been elected chairman of the Congregational Union of Tasmania, and the Rev. G. W. Sharpe has been re-elected secretary.

Archdeacon Wentworth Shields has resigned the archdeaconry of Wagga, owing to the pressure of other duties at the Theological College, St. Saviour's Cathedral. He still remains a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

Dr. P. J. Godfrey has been appointed Government medical officer and vaccinator at Bellingen.

Mr. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education, will visit Tamworth this month in connection with the movement to establish technical classes.

Owing to the failure of certain local bodies to elect shire presidents and Mayors, the following gentlemen have been appointed by the Governor:—Mr. H. A. Merewether, president of Stroud shire; Mr. T. Fishbourne, president of the Warringah shire; Mr. I. J. Sloan, president of the Wangoola shire; Mr. H. N. Oxley, Mayor of Bowral; Mr. M. Wallace, president of the Bellingen shire; Mr. L. Malone has been appointed a member of the Narrabri Municipal Council, in place of Mr. E. O. Morath, resigned.

Probate duty to the extent of £19,808 has been paid in respect of the estate of the late Wm. Bailey, of Ballarat, landowner, being at the rate of 10 per cent. on a total value of £198,086.

The funeral of the late Rev. Robert Wilson took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Necropolis, Rookwood. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Binns, assisted by the Rev. G. Dunkley and the Rev. Jas. Buchan, M.A. (chairman-elect of the Congregational Union of N.S.W.). Among the mourners were Messrs. M. J. Wilson, H. R. Wilson, A. D. Wilson (sons), A. W. Warden, Chas. A. Gibb (sons-in-law), Captain J. C. Lloyd (brother-in-law), Messrs. Arthur Wilson (nephew), W. R. Goulding, R. Sullivan, LL.B., W. A. Hudson, W. Levick, K. Corden, S. Jones, John Orr, A. Miller, George Gray, H. Larkins, and George Smith.

Our London correspondent on February 1 wrote:—"I learn that the appointment of Mr. T. R. Johnson as Chief Railway Commissioner for New South Wales is generally approved among railway men in this country. Among the general managers the selection is thought to be an excellent one. Mr. Johnson is a man of about 50—about the time of life when a man may be supposed to have really mastered all the details of the intricate work of railway management—in excellent physical condition, I believe, and with the reputation of being an indefatigable worker. Besides this, he has hereditory connection with railway interests. His father was the chief engineer of the Great Northern Railway, and as soon as he had completed his education he was put to learn railway work. Mr. Johnson himself occupies the position of engineer to the Great Northern Railway, but his apprenticeship has given him a general grasp of things, and he has, I am informed, an extensive acquaintance with traffic, locomotive work, and general business. He intends to sail by the Oroya, which leaves London on February 22."

The following candidates have passed in sections of the final law examination:—Section I.: A. E. Lewis, A. O. Philip, G. A. Uther, W. E. Waterford, A. G. Young. Section II.: K. C. H. Dean, J. M. Edgley, M. C. Moors, H. R. Munro. Section III.: J. F. Ahern, A. D. Booth, P. E. Browne, C. M. Macnaghten, J. P. M'Carthy, I. B. Norris, C. W. Rundle, E. R. Way, M. S. F. Way. Section IV.: A. R. Bluett, R. J. Johnson, H. T. Korff, J. S. V. Mein, J. M. O'Donohue, J. D. Reid, R. N. Teece.

ASSISTING DISTRESSED AUTHORS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The committee appointed to draw up a scheme for the distribution of £500 a year voted by the Federal Parliament to assist destitute men of letters submitted a report to the Prime Minister to-day. They recommended that assistance should be given—(1) To aged and infirm authors; (2) widows and children of deceased literary men; and (3) indigent authors. It was deemed impracticable to drawn any hard-and-fast line as to what constituted "literature," and a recommendation was made that a committee of three should be appointed to administer the fund.

VICTORIAN ELECTIONS.

THE NOMINATIONS.

EIGHTEEN MINISTERIALISTS UNOPPOSED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Nominations for the State elections, which will be held on the 15th inst, closed to-day, no fewer than 18 Ministerialists have been re-elected unopposed. They are—Mr. Bent (Premier), Sir A. Peacock (Chief Secretary), Mr. Cameron (Minister for Public Works), Mr. Mackey (Minister for Lands), Messrs. Carlisle, Craven, Hutchinson, Livingstone, Campbell, Graham, Cullen, Langdon, Stanley, Harris, Bowser, Murray, Gray, and O'Man. Two Labour candidates, Messrs. Sangster and M'Grath, are also returned unopposed.

Altogether there are 74 Ministerial, 35 Labour, and 7 Independent candidates. Mr. M'Leod (Minister for Mines) and Messrs. Mackinon and Boyd (honorary Ministers) are being opposed by Labour candidates, and Mr. Swinburne (Minister for Agriculture) by an Independent. Where the Labour party has put forward a candidate the contest is in most cases a straight-out fight between the Ministry and Opposition.

MR. WADDELL AT CARGO.

THE PROPOSED COALITION.

CARGO, Wednesday.

Mr. Waddell, M.L.A. for this district, opened here on Monday evening, by addressing a crowded and attentive meeting in the Assembly Hall. Dr. Geraty occupied the chair. Mr. Waddell defended his action in resigning his position as Premier after the last election. He spoke at length on the age of consent, and closer settlement, advising anyone intending to seek for land to apply to their member. About the proposed coalition he said that nothing definite had been done. Mr. Carruthers had only about 20 minutes' conversation on the subject, and now in travelling his electorate he would test his constituents' opinions on the matter before deciding. He spoke on the "definition of socialism." He was in favour of building a home for consumptives at Waterfall. In speaking of the Government providing wire-netting for the farmers, he said he would endeavour to induce the Government to allow farmers to have the netting at cost price after importing it. In South Australia he found that netting was being supplied to the farmers at from £4 to £5 a mile cheaper than any of the other States, and as it could be done so cheaply there he would see if it could not be managed in this State. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

TO-DAY.

Annual Meeting: Sydney District Football Club, Sports Club, 8 p.m.
New South Wales Sporting League: Public Meeting, Stratton's Hall, Ebley-street, Waverley, 8 p.m.
Methodist Church Hall, Waverley: Talk to Men by Mr. R. H. Bligh, 8 p.m.
Methodist Conference: Centenary Hall, 2 and 7 p.m.
Normanhurst, Ashfield: Past v Present Pupils Tennis Match.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Robin Hood," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Breaking of the Drought," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: Theatrescope, 8 p.m.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Clay's Vaudeville: Town Hall, Petersham, 8 p.m.
Bohemian Dramatic Company: Hay-street, 8 p.m.
Oxford Theatre: Vaudeville and Pictures, 8 p.m.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Zoological Gardens: 10 a.m.
The Tripelodeon: Oxford-street, 3 p.m.
World's Touring Cars: Pitt-street, 10.40 a.m.
Poster King: Ocean Beach, Manly, this evening.

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THE NAVY.

TONNAGE AND COSTS COMPARED.

MAINTAINING TWO-POWER STANDARD.

LONDON, March 6.

Mr. E. Robertson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, explained the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons last night. He said that the Admiralty believed that the present programme would adequately maintain the two-Power standard. Russia, France, and Germany together had added to their tonnage 1,108,280 tons in a decade, while Great Britain had added 1,132,205 tons.

The cost per ton was: —

Great Britain	£88
Russia	£93
Germany	£97
France	£124

Mr. Robertson showed that the two-Power standard of Great Britain's navy would not be endangered for the next 3½ years.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, leader of the Unionists, hoped that when the time of trial came the Government would have the strength and courage to propose, and the House of Commons the patriotism to support, any sacrifice that might be required to make the Empire safe against any combination of any two Powers in the world.

These words were very warmly cheered. Not the least emphatic cheers of assent emanated from the benches immediately behind the Government. Mr. Balfour at first thought that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was not among those cheering, but Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman immediately corrected that impression.

The Prime Minister emphasised regarding proposals to lessen armaments that Great Britain had no sinister purpose or desire to force any Power to reduce her armaments.

The "Times" recently contained two articles by its naval correspondent, who has represented the journal at naval manoeuvres for 20 years, on the state of the navy. These articles uphold the policy of the Admiralty in cutting down the new construction programme. After showing that Great Britain's navy is beyond the strength of the combined navies of any two other Powers, the correspondent continues: "A programme of shipbuilding framed at any given time is necessarily and avowedly framed in direct relation to the known or anticipated intentions of other Powers. It must, therefore, necessarily be regarded as in some measure provisional, and subject to revision, if, as time goes on, it is found that the known or anticipated intentions of other Powers are not to be fulfilled, nor at all likely to be fulfilled, immediately. This was the situation with which the Board of Admiralty had to deal in settling its final programme about the middle of last year. There were seven battleships projected by France, Germany, and the United States for the year 1906, and three more projected by France in the spring, but not begun, nor likely to be begun, for some time to come. It might have been anticipated that, according to precedent, the majority of these ships would have been laid down in the course of last spring. Not one of them was laid down when the reduced programme was submitted to Parliament in July last year, and, to the best of my belief, not one of them was laid down at the commencement of this year." Under these circumstances, he asks, how could the Board of Admiralty act otherwise than reduce its programme.

AN IMPERIAL TAX.

FOR IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

LONDON, March 6.

Mr. M. Kincaid Smith, M.P. (Liberal), addressing his constituents at Stratford-on-Avon, strongly advocated a small general tariff of one to two per cent. on all foreign manufactures entering the United Kingdom or any portion of the Empire, the proceeds to be devoted to naval needs and Imperial defence. This would relieve the Imperial Exchequer of many millions, which could hereafter be devoted to old-age pensions and other pressing reforms.

The scheme, Mr. Kincaid Smith said, would supply a great and material link between the motherland and the colonies far stronger than a scheme of preference.

BOYCOTTING IN IRELAND.

TWENTY MILES' WALK FOR BREAD.

HUNDREDS AGAINST ONE.

LONDON, March 6.

Eight residents of Ballinbragh were charged at Leitrim Assizes with riot.

The evidence showed that a man who was boycotted by his neighbours went 20 miles for bread. He was waylaid and robbed of his provisions by a crowd of 700 people.

Mr. Justice Kenny, in summing up, said it was hard to believe that with such things happening they were living in a Christian country. If jurors sympathised with the prisoners they would not be fit to fill the most menial office.

The jury disagreed, and the case was adjourned to the next assizes.

REFORMS IN EGYPT.

HOME RULE WANTED.

LONDON, March 5.

At the instance of Yussef, editor of the "Moayyaa," a Nationalist journal published in Cairo, and it is supposed backed by the Khedive, the General Assembly (Legislative Council) has passed a resolution demanding the early granting of full parliamentary institutions and other wide concessions.

THE NEW HEBRIDES.

CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

LONDON, March 5.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, states that Lord Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was in frequent communication with Sir Everard F. im Thurn, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and Governor of Fiji, before and after the completion of the New Hebrides Convention. Lord Elgin, he adds, did not intend to publish the confidential corerspondence.

GROUNDING OF H.M.S. DOMINION.

LONDON, March 6.

The court martial held on the grounding of the battleship Dominion, in Chaleurs Bay, New Brunswick, in August last, has severely reprimanded Captain Charles E. Kingsmill, the commanding officer, and Lieutenant Basil S. Noake, the navigating officer.

MURDER OF MR. WHITELEY.

HORACE RAYNER COMMITTED.

LONDON, March 5.

Horace Rayner, who is accused of the murder of Mr. Whiteley, the well-known London universal provider, has been committed for trial.

OPENING OF DUMA.

ABSENCE OF THE CZAR.

MANY REFORMS PROMISED.

LONDON, March 5.

The Duma was opened to-day at the Taurida Palace, St. Petersburg.

The Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, Antonius, appealed to members to forget differences, and work for the welfare of their suffering country.

Throngs of people in the streets greeted the delegates with shouts of "Amnesty."

The composition of the Second Duma is considered to be younger and more democratic, and less educated than the first.

The Premier, M. Stolypin, announced that a long list of bills providing for reforms of great magnitude and importance was ready for introduction.

The absence of the Czar from the opening ceremony is considered ominous.

The socialists and constitutional democrats counsel prudence and moderation.

Armoured automobiles were brought to St. Petersburg to suppress street riots.

March 6.

M. Golovin, a constitutional democrat, a member for Moscow, has been elected President of the Duma.

A street demonstration of 20,000 people, in honour of the Extreme Left of the Duma, was held at St. Petersburg yesterday. Gendarmes charged the crowd, injuring many people.

FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S APPEAL.

LONDON, March 5.

President Roosevelt has appealed to the American people to support the Russian Famine Relief Fund, declaring that Russia in the past has been a good friend to the United States.

CONTROL OF THE BALTIC.

GERMANY'S BID.

LONDON, March 6.

The Paris correspondent of the "Times" states that Germany latterly has made strenuous exertions to establish a policy of rapprochement with Denmark, in the hope of neutralising the Danish Straits, and of making the Baltic a mare clausum.

The correspondent adds that Germany is steadily developing her influence with Sweden and Norway, and will soon be preponderant in the Baltic.

STATES' CONSTITUTION BILL.

LONDON, March 6.

The Australian States Constitution Bill was read the third time in the House of Lords to-day.

JAPANESE REDEMPTION LOAN.

LONDON, March 6.

In order to redeem loans of £21,000,000, issued at 6 per cent. during the war with Russia, Japan is issuing a loan of £23,000,000 at £99 10s, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. One half will be issued in London, and one-half in Paris.

Japan during the war with Russia put on the market two 6 per cent. loans, totalling £21,478,000. As these loans were offered at a considerable discount the effective rate is practically 7 per cent, and if the Japanese Government succeeds in floating the redemption loan at £99 10s it will save almost 2 per cent. interest. At the end of last year the total indebtedness of Japan amounted to £187,000,000.

ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS.

LONDON, March 6.

The Orient, Aberdeen, and Lund's lines have made a further reduction of £2 in the assisted passages of emigrants from England to New South Wales.

THE KING.

LONDON, March 6.

The King yesterday arrived at Biarritz, on the Bay of Biscay.

ANTWERP WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 6.

The Antwerp wool sales opened yesterday. There was a good attendance. The selection was poor. Merinos and fine crossbreds were firm, and unchanged in price compared with January prices. Medium and ordinary crossbreds were neglected, and 1d lower. 1764 bales of La Plata wool were offered, and 976 were sold.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

A DREADNOUGHT FOR BRAZIL.

LONDON, March 6.

Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim are building a Dreadnought for Brazil.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT.

Mr. William Pickford, K.C., Recorder of Liverpool, has been appointed a Justice of the King's Bench Division, in succession to Mr. Justice Kennedy, now a Lord Justice of Appeal.

PORTRAITS OF THE KING.

The King is presenting a signed portrait of himself and the Queen to the capital of each colony in South Africa.

AMERICAN FOREST RESERVES.

FORESTALLING LEGISLATION.

LONDON, March 5.

President Roosevelt has proclaimed 32 new forest reserves, thus forestalling the Agricultural Bill, which seeks to prevent such reserves being proclaimed without the consent of Congress.

AUSTRALASIAN TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, March 6.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day, 1077 casks were offered and 853 were sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine, 39s 3d, medium, 36s 6d; beef, fine 37s 6d, medium 35s 6d.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

SUGGESTED TOWNS-WEBB MATCH.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

A committee of Wanganui enthusiasts has cabled to Towns asking him if he will row Webb for the championship, and if so when, and what expenses he will allow the New Zealander.

TICK OUTBREAK ON THE TWEED.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Pastures Stock Board held here yesterday regarding the tick outbreak on the Tweed, delegates from Burringbar were present to advocate a certain line of fencing south of Dunbible Creek. This the board approved, and will recommend.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

PRECEDENT SACRED.

PREMIERS NOT TO ADDRESS COMMONS.

LONDON, March 6.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, informed Mr. Henniker Heaton in the House of Commons last night that to invite the colonial Premiers to address the House of Commons from the bar or on the floor of the Chamber itself would be contrary to precedent, and the usages of the House. It was not possible or expedient to accede to the suggestion.

PARLIAMENTARY LUNCHEON.

LONDON, March 5.

The members of the House of Commons will entertain the colonial delegates to the Colonial Conference at luncheon in Westminster Hall on April 24. The Prime Minister, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, will preside.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S FAREWELL.

CITIZENS' MEETING IN MELBOURNE.

THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

GIVING EFFECT TO IMPERIAL WISHES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Alfred Deakin, with nervous anxiety, was at work in his department to-day almost up to the time of the departure of the train which is taking him to the mail steamer en route to London to attend the Imperial Conference. Sir John Forrest, who takes over the reins during his absence, was on hand, receiving the last minute instructions, callers were interrupting every few minutes, while telephones and bells were going incessantly. At about 2 o'clock Mr. Deakin made his last break away from the office—there had been several attempts, one in which the Prime Minister did not notice that he had no coat on—and, jumping into a tram after a few minutes of indecision in an endeavour to remember if there was anything else to be done, he made for his home at South Yarra. About an hour later he was back in the city again, where at the Town Hall about 150 citizens, at the invitation of the Lord Mayor, were waiting for him in the council-chamber. Refreshments were provided, and at half-past 3 Mr. Deakin entered and took a seat on the dais beside the Lord Mayor, with his colleagues around him.

The gathering was representative of the Federal and State Parliaments, the municipality, and the mercantile community in general. It included Federal Ministers, some members of the Federal Parliament, the Premier of Victoria (Mr. Thos. Bent), the President of the Legislative Council (Sir Henry Wrixon), several State members, the President of the Senate (Senator Gould), and the leader of the Federal Labour party (Mr. J. C. Watson).

The Lord Mayor proposed the health of the Prime Minister in a short speech, after which Mr. Bent offered his best wishes on behalf of the people of Victoria, and Sir John Forrest wished him a happy voyage.

Mr. Deakin, who was received with prolonged applause, briefly thanked the Lord Mayor for his hospitality. He said his trip was not being taken without some sacrifices. There were the temporary sundering of home ties, and the cessation from political work in a country to which he was deeply devoted, and these detracted to some extent from his own gratification at the undeserved honour that was his. He assured his hearers that it would not be for the want of a desire to be a faithful spokesman of Australia that he would fail wherever he might fail, and to the best of his ability he would address himself to the business that was to be laid before the conference.

Taking the subject of these conferences, Mr Deakin proceeded to analyse them, their results, and the cause of their existence. They had been found necessary in Australia for a better understanding and harmony among a number of self-governing colonies. These gatherings accomplished much in the way of enlightenment and the establishment of a necessary understanding. They did not absolutely commit those who were represented, but a slow process of persuasion had to follow eventually. A series of great national questions had been set apart for the Federal Parliament to act for the whole of Australia. The Imperial Conferences were paving the way, if not for a Parliament of the Empire, for some better and more effective means of giving effect to their common resolutions and wishes than they now had. (Applause.) There was nothing to prevent the better understanding which these conferences would bring about for enabling us to meet fresh emergencies, so that our children would one day wake up to find the means of broader and more effective action when the interest of Empire and perhaps its life were at stake. (Applause.)

From this Mr. Deakin went on to speak of the lack of unity among the States, and complimented Mr. Bent on not being one of those who were willing to postpone indefinitely a further meeting of the States in order to settle the remainder of the financial questions left unconcluded from the last conference in October. At the last State Conference the general proposition was considered that the States should endeavour to unite the new mail contract with some common arrangement for the benefit of the producers in all the States in regard to the exceptional cool storage capacity which was now required, and would be still more required, and not to be obtained except at higher prices, unless united action were taken by the Commonwealth and the States together. While everybody appreciated the value of speedy communication, there was no mail subsidy paid in the world to any line of steamers that paid a fraction of the cost of running. What paid the steamers was the freight and passengers, and if the States would agree they should be able to offer not only a mail contract but a freight contract and a passage contract together, which would give them better terms and services than could be hoped for while they were disunited as at present. Regarding immigration, the States were competing against each other. While the figures of the whole of Canada were presented to England as the figures of Canada, the Australian States sent theirs separately, and the returns of one State were often mistaken for those of another, and the agents naturally argued each for his own State. Just recently Sir Clement Kinloch Cooke, whose name was most influential in the United Kingdom in this matter, made a strong protest about the lack of Australian information. Possibly they were advancing, but only at a snail's pace, and in the meantime the United Kingdom was being drained of the best men and women that Australia wanted to get. He (Mr. Deakin) would have to speak in quite another strain when he got to England, but was he wrong in pleading in Australia to be supplied with a better brief than he could hold on the question of immigration? He had been pleading for the States to allow him to use the money that had been voted by Parliament to advertise Australia. He could put forward last year's prosperity, which outtopped all the others that Australia had seen but which he hoped would be exceeded this year, so that no other country could compare with it. (Applause.) As a Victorian citizen, he had joined the Victorian Immigration League, which had resulted from the formation of the league in Sydney established by Dr. Arthur, a man of ability and energy. The latter had resulted in making the world acquainted with the State of New South Wales. Why was Victoria not working in the same way? In the meantime Australia was crying out for population, labour, and more production. There was no country in the world to-day which was carrying anything like the cultivation Australia could carry if modern scientific methods were adopted. The possibilities for population were enormous.

Mr. Deakin also alluded to the mail contract question, and at the conclusion he was loudly cheered, while three hearty cheers were given as he entered the carriage and was driven to the railway station.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIRE AT BELFAST FREEZING WORKS.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

A serious fire is raging at Belfast freezing works, near Christchurch.

CHAMPIONSHIP RIFLE MEETING.

At the championship rifle meeting, the belt was won by A. Ballinger. Having won it twice before, the belt becomes his property.

Surf and Sun Bathers are reminded that for Sunburns, Burns, Scalds, Wounds, and Sores, the safest remedy they can use is JOSEPHSON'S AUSTRALIAN OINTMENT. All Chemists and Stores sell it. Made only by Edw. Row and Co.—Advt.

THE MAIL CONTRACT.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT.

INFLUENCE OF FREIGHT CONFERENCE.

LONDON, March 6.

Mr. J. Wilson Potter, of Bird, Potter, and Hughes, one of the members of the Mail Syndicate, in a letter to the "Shipping Gazette," states that it is curious for the Orient Company to suggest that the mail contract will entail a heavy commercial loss, since the Orient Company themselves offered to modify a rejected tender to supply a similar service on nearly the same terms.

With regard to the impassivity of the freight conference, Mr. Wilson Potter states that the Peninsular and Oriental Company and the Orient Company tried to make the conference otherwise. They wrote to the chairman of the conference, protesting against Mr. Potter's association with the syndicate, but the matter dropped on the conference declining to interfere.

Mr. Potter asserts that ever since then there has been a concerted and organised campaign on the part of the American shipping combine and the P. and O. and Orient Companies, who used the whole weight of their influence to cast discredit on the commercial soundness of the scheme. The only fair criticism against the undertaking is that there is too much cargo accommodation, but with the unprecedented increase in the Australian trade no unprejudiced person would accept this.

Mr. Taylor, of the Orient Company, in a letter to the morning newspapers, denied the statement by Mr. Potter of the offer by the Orient Company to modify their tender, also the statement regarding the impassivity of the conference. The letter to which Mr. Potter alludes protested not against him (Mr. Potter) associating with the syndicate, but with failing to inform his partners in the conference of the fact.

MR. DEAKIN'S DECLARATION.

PUBLIC WEAL BEFORE PRIVATE PROFIT.

TO AID THE SYNDICATE.

PARLIAMENT MAY BE APPROACHED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In his speech at the Town Hall this afternoon at a farewell function given by the Lord Mayor, the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) made the following reference to the subject of the mail contract:—"I would not have alluded to the subject of the mail contract had it not been that I have received a letter from Mr. Esplen, who recently visited this country, in which he wished to inform me that his own quoted words to-day in one of the newspapers had been given an entirely mistaken interpretation. He was referring to the fact that in the service on which he came here as expert engineer for an engineering business associated with Mr. Clarke, who is a shipowner and shipbuilder, he has found himself placed in the position of a Guy Fawkes conspirator cherishing all sorts of intentions in regard to the Commonwealth and its people. He hoped I would take the opportunity to-day of showing the nature of the two or three interviews I have had with him. I have therefore to say that he is one of those gentlemen who know now to hold their own tongues—(Laughter)—better than any gentleman I have ever met. As to Mr. Clarke, he appears to me to be a frank, straightforward, capable business man, and I fully believe that it is not possible for him to be entertaining projects that are so liberally credited to him. Mr. Bent surely struck the keynote regarding the mail contract when he said that the governing factor in a contract is not the carrying of mails, but freight. A combination in Australia by joint and direct action is of enormous importance; far more than any Government subsidy could be, even if paid over and over again. Mr. Bent, when he says the present system of carrying cool storage is not extensive or so satisfactory as it should be, that it is not up to the requirements of to-day, and might be behind those of to-morrow, was surely right. Provident people look ahead, and, looking ahead, they see how by co-operation they may save themselves not only from cost and losses, but from that bleeding to which they were exposed in this State in connection with the cool storage traffic. What is asked is that producing interests should be brought together, and I don't think they can find any better voice th[illegible] they can in their own Governments. [illegible] have to consider whether the time has [illegible] arrived for Federal action, or, if you prefer, national action. Federal action could be taken in the light of day with free and fair competition for all who like to enter into it, and the result would be to benefit the producers. The people of Australia are the people most entitled to consideration in the question of immigration, or any other question you like to submit. The mail contract is a very good one for us, and for the contractors, and nothing shall be wanting on the part of the Government to help the contractors to carry it out. We know that ordinary trade competition is fair. In every business, and in shipping in particular, it is particularly great on account of the enormous forces of capital employed in it. We know that new men have to break through a close network of antagonistic influences if they want to carve out a new path for themselves. With that we are not concerned, except to see that the public interest does not suffer. It is not a matter we are called upon to interfere in as long as the game is played in a legitimate manner, but if private enterprise will stand across the path of public business in order to block it for its own selfish gain the people will be very speedily asked whether they don't feel called upon to take a hand in their own protection. We will not only give [illegible] under the contract terms to enable the contractors to have every opportunity of carrying it out, but if that is not sufficient we are prepared to come down to Parliament and ask Parliament to reconsider the situation and on terms which, of course, will be fair and open, take such steps to prevent the existence of that kind of thing in future, and make it impossible for this Commonwealth to be trifled with in the interest of a few firms. We have to consider only one thing, and that is the interests of the people we represent. We are prepared to present, if not as a ring, at all events a political co-operation with which any ring will find it difficult to contend."

REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT SYDNEY.

SOLID FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. Esplen and Mr. Clark hope to be able to leave for Sydney on Friday or Saturday. They will spend a week there, and then return to Melbourne. They are greatly pleased with the statement made by Mr. Deakin this afternoon. The representatives state that promises of solid financial support have been received from private sources, and that this, plus the assistance they could obtain in London, would about enable them to proceed with the contract. They had still, however, to fight the ring in London, with its "Mafia-like" tactics.

POSITION OF QUEENSLAND.

MR. KIDSTON'S STRAIGHT ANSWER.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

"The facts of the case are these," said the Premier, Mr. Kidston, in referring to the mail contract, this morning, "while the terms of the contract were under discussion, the Queensland Government appealed to the Federal Government to include Brisbane as a port of call for mail steamers, deeming that as we had part of the contract money to pay we ought to get part of the service. That was not done, but Mr. Deakin advised us that if we were prepared to pay for the service being extended to Brisbane, he was prepared to negotiate with the syndicate on our behalf. We informed Mr. Deakin that if we were to pay we could settle the business with the syndicate ourselves. Mr. Deakin then promised that when the contract was arranged, the syndicate would make a proposal to the Queensland Government for a continuation of the service to Brisbane, and we said we should be very pleased to get their offer, and should consider it when we received it. From that time till now we have heard nothing about the matter.

"It will be easily understood," continued Mr. Kidston, "how, under these circumstances, when I was asked from Melbourne whether the Queensland Government would be prepared to guarantee payment of the debentures of this syndicate, I replied at once that I would not entertain the proposal for one minute. It seemed to me to be a matter in the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. They ought to be able to arrange a mail service without the States having to guarantee a private syndicate's capital."

NEW ZEALAND STRIKE.

THE SLAUGHTERMEN FINED.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The Arbitration Court to-day gave judgment in connection with the slaughtermen's strike at Christchurch. A few cases were dismissed, and in all the rest the men were fined £5 each. The Court expressed the hope that the men would arrange to return to work without further delay. A similar penalty has been imposed on the Ashburton strikers.

ARBITRATION IN NEW ZEALAND.

DISCONTENT WITH THE ACT.

WELLINGTON, March 1.

Strikes are just now the order of the day. It is an extraordinary position. For about twelve years the workers for the most part have been pursuing the even tenor of their way in the matter of industrial life. Here and there grumbling had been heard about the working of the Arbitration Act, but there was no open revolt until the last fortnight, when the sparks of discontent which had apparently been smouldering for some time burst into flame, spreading from Wellington to Canterbury, Otago, Southland, Palmerston North, Napier, and Gisborne. At the time of writing nearly all the freezing works in New Zealand are affected. The strike has been confined to one line of workers in various parts of the colony—slaughtermen—yet they have laid bare the weak points of the Act, which may have serious effects in influencing other trades that may be discontented with the working of the industrial laws.

A remarkable feature of the attitude taken up by the slaughtermen is that they have thrown over their union, in spite of the fact that it was through the union that they originally secured an award from the Court. The strikers say they have acted only as individuals. This is, of course, to absolve the unions from heavy fines. In the Gisborne case this phase of the question has caused the directorate of the Sheep Farmers' Company some anxiety. The directors decided that it was extremely difficult to treat with men who were openly professing to be independent of the awards under which they were working. The men retaliated by only killing two sheep an hour instead of from eight to ten as formerly, whereupon the employers suspended further killing on the ground that such an arrangement was an illegal combination, and was made with the intention of defeating the provisions of the existing award, and of forcing an increased rate of wages. In Wanganui a strike was only averted on the manager of the freezing works informing the men that the company would pay the wages fixed as the outcome of the Wellington strike.

The temporary breakdown of the Act has been due not to what may be termed the permanent industrial hands of this State, but to a class of labourer whose domicile is transitory, and who flits about from State to State. Of the slaughtermen who have done well out of the freezing works in the colony, and who are numbered amongst the discontents, 300 are said to hail from Australia. At the present time there are more Australian slaughtermen in this colony than there have been at any previous season. There is no doubt their action has largely influenced their fellow-workers. So far as the Pareora slaughtermen are concerned, the Court has fined them each £5, the Court holding that "what the Act has done is to make striking punishable as an offence in all cases where an award or industrial agreement is in force." The Wellington men, who started the trouble, fared much better. They had the advantage of a technical flaw in their agreement, which was not filed within the time set forth in the Act (30 days), and was therefore held by the Court to be bad. The cases against the men were accordingly dismissed. This is a triumph for the strikers, the effect of which will certainly be far-reaching.

Summed up in brief, the main points of complaints against the Arbitration Act are that the Court has so far wofully failed in arriving at the true interpretation of what is a minimum wage, as applied to the various industries; and the great delays in hearing cases. One Judge and two men representing the employees and employers respectively travel throughout the colony at convenient times, to hear cases that have accumulated for months and months. The workers get tired of waiting for the Court; the employers, on their part, are weary of the uncertainty of the labour conditions. As to the minimum, the Court has not yet proved itself competent to say what is the lowest wage a slaughterman, printer, quarryman, wharf labourer, etc, should receive in times of prosperity and high rentals.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

NORFOLK ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Tambo arrived at noon to-day, and will sail at 6 o'clock. She has on board 140 repatriated kanakas for distribution in the New Hebrides.

Captain Elliott, the Chief Magistrate elect, landed at 2 p.m., and was received by the island officials.

SECTARIANISM IN POLITICS.

THE METHODIST VIEW.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Methodist Conference of Victoria and Tasmania to-day carried a motion affirming that, as a fundamental principle, the Church belongs to no political party, and has no connection with party politics as such.

Mr. W. B. M'Cutcheon, who moved the motion, said there was a mistaken impression abroad that the Methodist Church had taken sides in politics, and was actively working against a certain section of the community. A certain gentleman had said, after the last election, that the result had been a great triumph for Protestantism and anti-socialism. This should never have been said. It was no wonder that there was a feeling of alarm in the community, and a growing feeling that the Methodist Church had taken sides on this question. They had many adherents among the Labour party. Its leader in South Australia was a preacher in their Church. The leader of the party in Queensland was a churchgoer, if he were not a Methodist. The New South Wales labour leader taught a fine Bible-class every Sunday. There was a common tendency to associate with the Australian Labour party beliefs and aspirations of certain foreigners with whom they had no sympathy. Things that were advocated by socialists in Germany were without any warranty associated with the programmes of the Australian Labour parties. He was inclined to follow the example of a prominent churchman, with whom they might not perhaps be on terms of perfect sympathy—Cardinal Moran—and to declare that the duty of the Methodist voters was to use their influence so that Christian principles might permeate the community. They should urge Methodist voters to take their places as citizens, and be content to urge the great principles of reform, leaving details to be arranged by politicians.

Another speaker said that there was no need to assure the Labour party that the Church was not against them.

Most of the speakers condemned the policy that had been pursued by the Methodist social reformers of late.

LABOUR IN QUEENSLAND.

ABORIGINALS FOR PEARLING FLEET.

WORK IN THE CANEFIELDS.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

It is stated that large numbers of New Guinea natives are being introduced into the pearling industry at Thursday Island. The natives are recruited in batches, and on reaching Thursday Island are distributed to pearling boats. The recruiting is supervised by the New Guinea Government, which also exacts certain fees, and stipulates that the natives shall only be paid off in New Guinea waters. The latter provision is regarded as somewhat irksome, and pearlers are stated to be anxious to get aboriginal labour for the industry. There is a strong feeling in favour of the scheme suggested by the Chief Protector of Aboriginals to establish a station in the north, where aboriginals could be kept and signed on to pearling boats. The cost would not be great for the establishment of the station, and the Government is said to have the matter under consideration still.

It is reported some of the northern planters are willing to take aboriginals on in the canefields to keep down weeds.

"Milroy" continues in this week's "Sydney Mail" his valuable contributions under the heading "Among the Yearlings."—Advt.

A TERRIFIC CYCLONE.

IN THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

BUILDINGS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED.

MANY SENSATIONAL INCIDENTS.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

A cyclone which struck the district on Monday night at 7.45 came from the north-west—from Geurie—affecting, mainly, Comobella, Bodangora, and Arthurville. At Bodangora it was in the nature of a whirlwind, and wrought dreadful havoc there. It lasted only five minutes, and was accompanied by torrential rain, of which no record was taken, the post-office gauge being blown away.

The miners' huts on the side of the hill received the full force of the wind. The Church of England and Roman Catholic Church were completely demolished, and are now heaps of debris. Though the convent is only 25 yards from the church it was not touched. The Baptist Church is all askew. The roof of the Methodist Church was blown off, and the building is out of plumb. The roof of the old school building, used as a play-shed, was blown 50 yards away, and the weather-sheds were lifted 100 yards. The mine buildings were let off lightly, though the roof of the pyrites shed has gone, and a few sheets of iron from the battery. The out-buildings are more or less damaged.

Much damage was done to Smith's Hotel, the roof of which was lifted off, and let the rafters through the ceiling. The roof then fell back into place. The side of Bergin's bakery was blown out of plumb. Coffey's bakery was unroofed, and the verandah supports carried into the post-office yard. The Co-operative Stores was partly unroofed, the iron and timber crashing through the post-office fence, and smashing the lavatory like matchwood. Otherwise no damage was done to the post-office.

Following residences were unroofed:—T. Smith, S. Allsop, T. and J. M'Donald, J. and H. Hamersley, Mrs. Mallone, Mrs. Newstead King, J. Seymour, and Mullins. The houses of Messrs. R. Seymour and J. Smith were totally destroyed. There is not a single place not more or less damaged.

It is a remarkable thing that with a population of 1000 persons not one casualty occurred. Only one horse was injured by flying iron. Considerable damage was done by flood water, the rain entering places it was never known to do before. The post-office was flooded.

Travelling on from Bodangora the storm struck Bullock and Quirk's farm, doing much damage. The track of the storm can be clearly traced by fallen trees, monster ones being carried 50 yards near Comobella.

Before reaching Bodangora the storm played havoc at Mr. W. T. Green's farmhouse. The contents were totally destroyed, only four posts being left standing. A five-ton waggon, loaded with four tons of chaff, was blown from under a skillion into the open, the chaff being blown over an adjoining fence, the damage being £250. Mr. T. Flack's house adjoining, was completely smashed. Three of his children, who are suffering from whooping cough, severely felt the shock. Two have since been taken to the hospital. The house belonging to Mr. William Smith, on Mr. W. H. Morley's farm, was destroyed, with contents. Mr. James Gibb's shed, carrying 60 sheets of iron, was blown in all directions. Mr. C. E. Payne suffered slight loss with a portion of a building. Many other places were unroofed, and considerable damage was done to furniture, etc. Mr. R. Patten's house was seriously damaged. At Arthurville the storm raged half an hour, during which 2¾ inches of hail fell. At Mr. W. Brummell's farm the little river was a banker, while two miles on either side of the farm no rain fell.

There were some narrow escapes at Bodangora. The storm struck the township while the bandsmen were practising in the Church of England hall. The building was wrenched, thereby fastening tight the door when they wanted to get out. Another gust righted the place, and the bandsmen left as the Church of England fell on top of the hall, and crushed it to the ground. In the Methodist Church an Orange lodge was meeting, and to save the building toppling over, all threw their weight against the wall, saving it. When Mr. Seymour's house fell in five persons were crouched in the chimney. They escaped injury. The roof went off one house in which there was a mother with a baby a day old.

ALLEGED BABY-FARMING.

IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

INFANT'S DEATH FROM STARVATION.

SOME REVOLTING STATEMENTS.

PERTH (W.A.), Tuesday.

The adjourned inquest touching the death of the infant Ethel Booth, who died in the Perth Hospital on February 4, was continued to-day. Mr. R. W. Pennefather, K.C., appeared on behalf of the Infants' Protection Society, and Mr. Villeneuve Smith on behalf of the woman, Alice Mitchell, in whose care the infant was placed prior to its removal to the hospital, and who was subsequently arrested in connection with the death of the infant.

Mr. Pennefather, in outlining the evidence to be submitted said that on February 3 Corporal O'Halloran visited the house of Mrs. Mitchell in Edward-street, to make inquiries regarding an infant. Mrs. Mitchell brought the child to him. The infant was frightfully emaciated, and was not able to keep off flies, which swarmed on its face. Its clothes smelt offensively, and there was an offensive odour coming from its body. During the inquiries the corporal made he found that another child had died at Mrs. Mitchell's house, and from questions he put to Mrs. Mitchell, he also found that Mrs. Mitchell had not reported the death. The same afternoon, accompanied by Dr. Davey, he again went to Mrs. Mitchell's house. Dr. Davey found, however, that the child Brown had been given insufficient nourishment necessary for its existence, and was simply dying from starvation. Dr. Davey asked Mrs. Mitchell if she had any other children. She replied "Yes," and in the room where baby Brown was they saw another child, which if anything was in an even worse condition. This was the baby Ethel Booth, whose death formed the subject of inquiry. There were swarms of flies, and the child was so terribly weak that she was not able to raise her hand to keep them off. There was an awful stench in the room, which was in an untidy and neglected condition. When Dr. Davey saw the child Booth, which was five months old, he expressed the opinion that she could not live ten days. The child did not live anything like that time. The child was brought to the hospital by her mother, and died within 24 hours afterwards. A post mortem revealed no trace of any disease, and showed that the child was terribly emaciated, being a mere skeleton, and that death was due to insufficient nourishment. When taken to the hospital the infant Booth, though 5 months old, weighed only 7½lb. At her birth she weighed 8lb. The child, when taken to Mrs. Mitchell's house, was in perfect health. It was the duty of persons conducting such establishments as Mrs. Mitchell's to register the deaths of any children, and to keep a register of infants placed in her care. Mrs. Mitchell had produced a register which commenced on December 16, 1902. The address was 743 Wellington-street, Perth. The register closed on December 16, 1904. This showed 23 infants, of which 14 had died. Mrs. Mitchell handed this herself to the police, and evidently since then no record had been kept, though Mrs. Mitchell had recently made attempts to write one up. Inquiries made by the police into the deaths of children showed that Mrs. Mitchell had frequently changed her address. When living in Wellington-street she reported six deaths, in Beaufort-street five deaths, in Cavendish-street eight deaths, in Lord-street one death, in Edward-street nine deaths, or 2? out of a total of 32. One doctor had attended 22 of the cases that had died. The cause of death mentioned in the certificate was in nearly all cases marasmus, or wasting away of the child. The house was kept in a filthy condition, seven children at times sleeping in one bed, the children crawling out into passages, eating dirt from fowls. There was a lady inspector who used to go and have a chat with Mrs. Mitchell at the door, but never went inside and inspected the children. This lady inspector was apparently very friendly with Mrs. Mitchell, for, under the nose of the authorities, she had gone early to Mrs. Mitchell's, and said, "The police are coming to inspect. Don't tell anyone you saw me." One woman living in this establishment was so abominably filthy that vermin and hair was falling from her head, and this woman, who was suffering from a dreadful disease, was allowed to nurse children.

[The above appeared in a portion of yesterday's issue.]

PERTH, Wednesday.

At the inquest in connection with the death of the infant, Ethel Booth, Police-inspector Sellenger declared, from what he could learn, 32 out of 35 children in Mrs. Mitchell's charge died. A witness said that a lady inspector under the Perth Board of Health visited the house six times to his knowledge, and she always seemed in a hurry to get away again, and only looked through the premises once. The inquest was adjourned.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

ARRIVAL OF THE SIERRA.

The Oceanic S.S. Company's mail steamer Sierra, from San Francisco, via the usual ports of call, arrived at Sydney last night somewhat earlier than had been anticipated. She entered the Heads shortly before 10 o'clock, and anchored for the night in Watson's Bay awaiting medical inspection this morning. Upon being granted pratique she will be berthed at the Company's wharf, on the eastern side of the Circular Quay. Commander H. C. Houdlette reports having sailed from the American port at 1.10 a.m. on February 8th, from Honolulu at 1.20 p.m. on February 14, from Pago Pago (Samoa) at 4.27 p.m. on February 24, and from Auckland at 4.45 on Sunday morning last. The Sierra has 63 passengers on board and 667 tons of general cargo to discharge.

Commander Houdlette says that throughout the voyage the Sierra was favoured with good weather conditions. The voyage from San Francisco to Sydney occupied 25 days 19 hours and 55 minutes, the actual steaming time having been 21 days 8 hours and 48 minutes. The run from Auckland was accomplished in 3 days 16 hours and 20 minutes. Our New Zealand correspondent says that the prolonged voyage was due to trouble with the boilers.

The Sierra is timed to sail from Sydney on the return journey on Monday next, and a notification will be made by the company in due course. The Ventura, which arrived here on the 19th ult, is still in port, so that there will be an interval of at least six weeks in the sailings. The Ventura is now undergoing extensive repairs, and will be in first-class condition when again placed on the line.

THE WORLD'S FASTEST SERVICE.

OPINIONS OF MR. SPRECKELS.

In view of the partial dislocation of the San Francisco mail service, the frequent breakdowns of the steamers, and the decision of the New Zealand Government to abstain from sending British mails by this line until something like regularity has been restored, it is interesting to note the opinions entertained by Mr. J. D. Spreckels, the owner of the line, respecting the capabilities of his vessels.

"No other steamship line in the world," Mr. Spreckels says in the course of an article in a New York magazine, "performs such a fast service under similar conditions of climate and distance. The schedule time requires an average speed throughout the voyage of 15 knots. The distance in nautical measure is 7210 miles, and most of the voyage lies through the tropics." Speaking of the advantages of the line, he goes on to say that the Sonoma, Sierra, and Ventura were built under Government specifications for speedy conversion into auxiliary cruisers for the navy, that they are vessels of 22,500-horse power, with a speed of 17 knots, and are capable of an armament of 12 6in guns, with a large complement of smaller calibre. Each steamer has a steaming radius without re-fueling of 8250 statute miles at 15 knots average speed, shorter distances at 17 knots, and must always be maintained at the company's expense at the highest rating known to maritime commerce.

The present service between Sydney and San Francisco was inaugurated in 1901 with three new steamers of 6000 tons each, and under a 10 years' mail contract with the Government of the United States. Mr. Spreckels claims that this line has resulted "in a reduction of time in the delivery of mails from 24½ days to 21 days, an increase in the number of voyages per annum from 13 to 17, with better facilities for transportation, an increase in the number of the crews demanded from 182 to 471, all by law required to be white, and a certain percentage American citizens, and all shipped in the United States."

WILL THE LINE BE ABANDONED?

A STATEMENT BY THE OWNER.

If any weight is to be attached to a recent statement by Mr. J. D. Spreckels, who controls the Oceanic S.S. Company, there is some possibility of the abandonment of the line between Sydney and San Francisco. In the course of a special article appearing under his name in January's issue of the "Independent," a magazine published in New York, Mr. Spreckels, referring to the Ship Subsidy Bill then under consideration, but since rejected, wrote:—"The necessity is imperative that the mail routes in question receive Government protection and encouragement, if they are to continue to fly the American flag on the Pacific. . . . If there are benefits to be derived by our commerce or our country through an American merchant marine, such Pacific lines as the Oceanic have a more just claim for Government protection, stand in greater need of it, and will return a better compensation than any other lines engaged in ocean traffic.

"It should be borne in mind that the trade already gained by this line through a losing struggle of years, is tangible and real—not the imaginary possibilities which may follow the opening of new lines—and is as well worth saving from surrender to some foreign nation as any new trade is worth achieving. I confine myself to this one line, not because it stands alone, but because concerning it I know every minute detail, and can be frank to acknowledge its losses in exact figures, which tell the whole story better than many words, and place the proposition fairly and clearly before the mind of any practical business man."

"Years of actual operation," Mr. Spreckels continues, "have clearly demonstrated the inadequacy of the compensation already allowed under the conditions of speed, frequency of voyage, and size of vessels required on the Australian mail route. The Oceanic line must maintain its position against the operation of six important steamship companies, all heavily subsidised by their respective nations—England, Germany, France, and Japan—in order to secure for these nations the valuable trade of the Australasian markets.

"The Oceanic line is hopelessly outclassed by these others, not only in the matter of subsidies, but also in the crews it must employ, in the wages it must pay, in the original cost of its vessels, and in the cost of maintainance and operation. So that, above the compensation for carrying the mails under the contract I have mentioned, the average annual loss has been 373,349 dollars. Even if the portion allotted to the Oceanic Company in the original Subsidy Bill is finally credited to her, it will not make the line a paying investment. It will only enable it to continue the service which it has hitherto been rendering at such a loss as to make further efforts hopelessly inadvisable. The foregoing is the best comment I can make upon the proposition that Atlantic lines to South America should be encouraged by subsidy in the hope of building up a trade, while the Pacific, with such trade as I have indicated already established, and a trade that is rapidly increasing, should be ignored, and the position deliberately sacrificed and abandoned."

TASMANIA.

STATE'S MONEY IN LONDON.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Treasurer states that the Agent-General for Tasmania has for a long time been keen in placing money with banks until required, and at present Tasmania has £175,000 invested in that way at rates ranging from 2½ to 4½ per cent.

THE FRUIT SHIPS.

The White Star steamer Persic, the fourth fruit ship despatched this season, left this morning for Liverpool, via Albany. She took 45,751 cases apples and pears.

LIGHTING D'ENTRECASTEAUX CHANNEL.

The new guiding light at the entrance of the Huon River from D'Entrecasteaux Channel was illuminated to-night for the first time. It marks dangerous rocks known as the Oil Butts, near the entrance.

NORTHERN COLLIERIES.

DISCONTENT AT PELAW-MAIN.

KURRI KURRI, Wednesday.

Some discontent has existed among the surface hands at the Pelaw-Main colliery as to the rate of wages paid. They received a daily wage last year of 6s 3d, and this year the wage has been 6s 9d, but the employees ask for 7s 6d. They point out that as all the work now has to be done in 2 shifts instead of 3, there is much more to do, while four of their number have been dispensed with. Last year, under the three-shift system, they handled on an average 63 waggons per shift, now they average 70 wagons.

Some were in favour of refusing to work, but at a meeting at the pit mouth this afternoon they decided to continue work for the present. Later a deputation, consisting of Messrs. A. Lewis, treasurer of the Colliery Employees' Federation, A. Wilson, and H. Liversidge, of the Pelaw-Main Lodge, interviewed Mr. Arbuckle, manager, and laid their request before him. He was non-committal, but promised to put the request before the management. It is understood that the matter will be discussed to-morrow at the conference between the proprietors and the executive officers of the federation. No trouble is feared at present. About 28 employees are affected directly.

VICTORIA.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The match for the chess championship of Victoria was won by G. Gundersen, challenger, who defeated E. De Kenden, the holder of the title, by 5 games to 1.

LOCAL COAL SUPPLY.

INDEPENDENCE HOPED FOR.

In a speech at East Brighton to-night Mr. Bent announced that the Government intended to help the coal industry. They would be surprised, he said, at the area of land in the State containing coal. In consequence of poor appliances possessed by the companies they had not been able to work it to the best advantage. In New South Wales there were seams from 12ft to 14ft in width. Here they were only 3ft or 3ft 6in in width. However, with electric cutting machines and with Government assistance coal mines could be developed to such an extent that Victoria would not have to depend upon New South Wales for her supply.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WAGES BOARDS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Executive Council to-day issued an order directing the appointment of Clothing, Dressmaking, Furniture, and Bakers' boards for determining the lowest prices or rates of wages to be paid to persons engaged in such trades, pursuant of the Factories Act of 1906.

MINISTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

MANILLA, Wednesday.

Mr. Ashton and Mr. Moore arrived here this morning en route to Barraba. They were accorded a splendid reception. The local band turned out in uniform, and rendered a programme of music in front of the hotel, where a large gathering of representative town and country residents assembled. The Mayor (Alderman Stoddart) offered a welcome to the visiting Ministers, and his reference to them as "two of the straightest men in politics" was warmly received. Both Ministers replied. Mr. Ashton said that an honest effort had been made by the Government to govern the country wisely and well. Mr. Moore also spoke, and his remark regretting the retirement of such a capable, careful, and painstaking Minister of the Crown as Mr. Ashton, was endorsed by an outburst of "Hear, hears." The visitors paid a vist to the hospital. Mr. Ashton has promised to speak here to-morrow night.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

Mr. C. A. Lee, Minister for Works, is now on a visit of inspection to the river, with a view to the dredging of many places dangerous to navigation. The urgent question of the erosion of the bank of the river was also brought prominently before him by the various shire councillors, who strongly urged the Government to take over the work of dealing with this matter. It was pointed out that to adequately deal with it would take the whole revenue of the shires.

The Minister was entertained at a banquet by the citizens of Coraki. The speakers generally spoke highly of Mr. Lee's services to the Richmond electorate and his re-election is considered a certainty.

Mr. Lee opened the Mid-Richmond Agricultural show to-day, and will go to Casino to-morrow morning by way of the South Arm to inspect that portion of the river, which requires prompt attention.

RURAL CAMP SCHOOL.

UNDER CANVAS AT BERRY.

BERRY, Wednesday.

The organising officer, the boys, and masters in connection with the rural camp school arrived at midday. The Rockdale and Mortdale units joined the city units at Hurstville and Mortdale respectively. At Hurstville an incident occurred which might have caused considerable anxiety in one quarter. A city master, anxious not to delay the train, kindly assisted in the embarking of the Rockdale unit, and he seized a Hurstville schoolboy, who happened to be on the platform, and nearly kidnapped him by bustling him bodily on to the train. It was some time before the boy's protests were understood, and he was allowed to depart for his own school instead of to the camp.

On arrival at the camp, which is pleasantly situated half a mile from the station, the boys lunched, and tents were all erected, the remainder of the day being spent in attending to camp details and initiating the boys in their new duties regarding camp life. Acetylene gas was installed by sundown, and lent a cheery aspect at night. The sanitary arrangements are much appreciated, and are quite a new departure from the systems ordinarily used in camp. Commodious shower baths have been connected with the town water supply for the masters and boys. The camp post-office appeared to do good business. In the evening several boys and masters visited the School of Arts, which was placed at their disposal by the committee.

A REMINISCENCE OF THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

Last evening the citizens of Wagga tendered a valedictory social to Mr. William Shaw, sen., who is leaving for Sydney, having retired from the local firm of William Shaw and Son after 16 years' business life in Wagga. In responding to the toast of his health, proposed by the Mayor, Mr. Shaw related an interesting story of his association with the Tichborne claimant, who lived in Wagga. When in business in Sydney Mr. Shaw met the claimant, who gave the firm an order for goods. They continued supplying him up to £200. Naturally Mr. Shaw and his partner felt dubious about the account, but one morning the claimant came to his office, asked for his account, and handing Mr. Shaw a cheque, said, "Now, you run to the bank like ——, and cash the —— cheque." His partner was at the opening of the bank, and the cheque was cashed. (Laughter.) Theirs was the only firm paid.

Presentations have also been made by the townspeople to Mrs. Shaw, and by the local Amateur Dramatic Club to the Misses Shaw.

SALE OF TROTTING STOCK.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

An important sale of high-class trotting stock was held by Campbell and Sons to-day, when the dispersal of Ranch trotting stud, the property of Messrs. Viers and Robertson, of Glenroy, took place. The lots catalogued totalled 55, of which 52 were sold for an aggregate of 3532 guineas. There was a large gathering of trotting enthusiasts at the sale ring, and, taken as a whole, good prices were realised. The imported stallion Dixie Alto, by Mendocino from Marionette, upon whom there was 1000 guineas reserve, was passed in when bidding ceased at 725. The imported stallion Digitalis, by Daly from Signet, was purchased for 100 by J. Gorman, of Berrigan, N.S.W. He also paid 160 for the brood mare Lady Tracy, by Governor Tracy, and 100 for a very fine-looking yearling filly, by Dixie Alto from Mary Daly. J. E. Walters gave 85 guineas for a two-year-old colt, Alex R., by Dixie Alto, and 60 for a colt, Willie Tracy. E. Wren, of Kerang, Victoria, secured the New Zealand-bred stallion Governor Tracy, by Ebony from Jenny Tracy, for 155 guineas. F. D. Brown, of Pleasant View Cob Stud, near Kiandra, N.S.W., bought the imported brood mares Winona (full sister to Digitalis) for 180 guineas, Winnie V., by Daly from Dinorall, for 190 guineas, Pocahontas, by Hambeltonian, Bell Boy, for 50 guineas, Bessie M. and Sarah R., by Digitalis, for 50 guineas each, and the yearling colt Winn Alto for 75 guineas. T. Griffiths, Albury, gave 50 guineas for Belle of Baltimore, by Honesty. A yearling filly, Rose Alto, by Dixie Alto from Diana Rose, cost J. Troup, of Coghill's Creek, near Ballarat, 100 guineas. The highest price for brood mare was 200 guineas paid by A. Wood, Victoria, for Mary Daly, by Daly from Miss Fay. C. Grubb, Tasmania, gave 195 guineas for Santa Rose, by Daly from Baby Buttons; J. B. Sharpe 130 guineas for a pacing mare, Coney Island, by St. Whips; E. A. Linacre 125 guineas for a brood mare, Lady Claire, by Honest Harry; J. Christian 150 guineas for Molly Whips, by Willie Whips from Mary Daly. W. Hunter secured the brood mare Dixie Anna for 100 guineas, and Bessie Tracy, by Governor Tracy, for 55 guineas. Mr. J. Vaughan, of Coleraine, gave 105 guineas for a two-year-old colt, by Dixie Alto from Lady Tracy, while others sold at prices ranging from 85 to 15 guineas.

THE PLAGUE.

The Board of Health reported another case of plague yesterday. The patient, J. G. Cassidy, 27 years of age, was a lodger in a house in Bourke-street, Surry Hills. He was removed to the Coast Hospital on Monday night. His occupation is not stated, but it has been ascertained that he came into the city frequently. The source of infection in this case has not been traced.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR STATE SYSTEM.

MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

The explanation which Mr. Carruthers has given to the Bexley Council as to the preparation of the ordinances and regulations under the Local Government Act, will reassure a great number of authorities which had been waiting to know how they stood. As far as the municipalities are concerned, the consolidated code of ordinances and regulations will be ready at the end of the year, and in time for the new system, which begins in 1908. There have been numerous complaints as to the number of ordinances published, but such complaints are made in forgetfulness of the scheme under which the local government measures were passed. Instead of a huge, unwieldy act of 500 sections, full of detail and of minor matters, the present statute consists of 209 sections, and all minor and detail matter is relegated to a code of ordinances.

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The brevity of the Act was essential to the success of the effort to pass it into law. No House would have seriously considered a measure as long as an English, Irish, Victorian, Queensland, or New Zealand Local Government Act, consisting of 500 sections or so. No Parliament in New South Wales would have passed such an Act. It was not possible with the known temper of the representatives towards it. And there is in all the Acts named, a vast amount of detail work which is far better placed in a code of ordinances or regulations. The ordinances may be moulded by the councils themselves, so that when the code comes into operation the machinery is provided by which the councils may adjust all they require to their own local needs, and add in any way they think expedient to the code.

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The action of the Lord Mayor of Sydney in endeavouring to widen Pitt-street, at the corner of Hunter-street, is worthy of praise, and deserves the support of the citizens. Mr. Hughes has been fortunate in being associated with the widening of street corners at Market and Elizabeth streets, at King and George streets, at O'Connell and Bent streets, and at Bligh and Bent streets. The representations made to the owners of these various places resulted in their obtaining the space requisite for their business operations by building higher. In other respects the buildings gained. The rounded corner of the Sugar Company's head office in O'Connell-street, near Spring-street, has a very fine effect, and is a great improvement on the angular plan, which was projected before the council's negotiations were successful.

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If we cannot have the broad and comprehensive improvement policy of Paris, Rio, or Birmingham—and it is a pity we cannot, for the sake of the commercial convenience of the city—it is at any rate a good thing that we have vigilant municipal representatives, who keep a sharp lookout for openings for improvements and street widenings. The widening of the Union Bank corner will open up a fine improvement to the city, and though it will cause the bank building to go back, the site will be of greater value from the improvement, and any space which is lost there can be regained by building higher.

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A criticism in this column last week upon the financial position of some of the borough councils has called forth several courteous replies, which, while aiming to correct certain alleged inaccuracies, tend to show the councils in a more favourable financial light. The criticisms of last week were mainly directed to the suburban councils' finance, and noted, first, the large balance of liabilities over assets in the whole returns of the suburban councils; secondly, the huge amount of outstanding and uncollected rates, which were set down in the "Statistical Register" as "cash assets," and, lastly, the small provision which had been made by way of sinking funds for the repayment of loans. The criticism was taken further, and the total amount of arrears of rates in country municipalities was shown, and the position of the old Lambton municipality was specially referred to.

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To take the suburban financial position broadly, the official figures show:—Liabilities, £819,368; assets, £353,140; deficiency, £466,228. This shows a very serious state of affairs. In order to realise the position let these figures be compared with the figures—(1) of the inner city of Sydney, and (2) of the country municipalities. The liabilities of the inner city are given by the Statistical Registrar as £1,736,364; the assets are £2,067,883, showing a surplus of assets over liabilities of £331,000. Take the country municipalities. Their liabilities are £693,667, assets £1,508,237, showing a surplus of £814,570. The estimated population of the city area in 1905 was 112,030, and of the suburbs on the Greater Sydney area 411,500, making an estimated total population of 523,530.

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Now, it appears from these statistics that the council of the 112,000 people in the Inner Sydney, though they have to maintain far more complicated and expensive services than the suburbs (services which are largely used by the people of the whole area), have managed to keep the balance on the right side of the ledger to the extent of £331,000; while the councils of the 411,500 people of the rest of the Greater Sydney area, notwithstanding the services supplied them by the Inner Sydney, are on the wrong side of the ledger to the extent of £466,228. That is the broad result, and measuring it by any possible standard of comparison, it shows a serious financial position for the suburban councils taken as a whole.

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Now, to take particular instances. The Mayor of Manly (Mr. Quirk) writes an assurance that Manly's finances are safe. He traverses the statement in this column that "no attempt was made in Manly to provide for the repayment of the loan of £16,000 at its due date," and asserts that a sinking fund of £160 per annum was provided to repay the loan, and that the amount was invested for the benefit of the loan by adding to the council's list of freehold properties. Later on Mr. Quirk states the value of the council's freehold properties as £2400, outside its baths property. How that amount of property can be regarded as an adequate sinking fund investment to meet a debt of £16,000 is not shown. The income earned by the investment will certainly not bring in the interest on the loan, nor will the new loan of £20,000 be adequately provided for by a sinking fund of £200 per annum, no matter how invested. No one can have a doubt of the solidity of Manly in the long run, but, on the face of it, the figures do not inspire confidence.

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Mr. Barry, of Ryde, points out that the outstanding rates and charges of Ryde have been greatly diminished since the returns issued in February, 1903, and that at the present date they stand at £925. This shows that a most satisfactory activity has been maintained, first by a reduction of outstanding rates from £3637 in 1903 to £1450 in 1905, and then to the present amount. Moreover, Mr. Barry points out that the loan account (£6000 in 1903) has been reduced by £725, and a municipal baths constructed at a cost of £500. This is another instance of that tendency towards a better state of things in suburban finance which was extolled in this column, and held up as a goal for well-managed municipalities.

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The Glebe Council has also improved its financial position during the last 10 years, as pointed out by Mr. Glasscock, and is further reducing the liability by £500 to £600 annually. In 1903 Glebe's current loans amounted to £24,594. Against this, its assets were £14,560, consisting of wharfs £4600, land and buildings £8125, working plant, outstanding rates, etc., £1300. It is satisfactory to know that it has paid off £14,544 of its loan indebtedness in the 10 years' period, and has reduced its outstanding rates from £830 to £144.

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It is gratifying to learn from the letter of Mr. J. W. Oldham, council clerk of Lambton (presumably the New Lambton), that the receiver has been withdrawn, and that the new council has been paying off "an average of £250 a year of the liabilities, as well as interest." The Lambton case was cited last week as an example of the fate that awaited any municipal council which went on piling up debts without making any provision for paying them when they became due. There were other circumstances in connection with Lambton which made it remarkable.

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Lambton got into trouble through its enterprise in erecting an electric plant. When its debts upon mortgages had reached £12,000 an application was made by the creditors to the court for the appointment of a receiver. The point was taken on behalf of the council that one loan of £7000 made by the Commercial Bank of Australasia was invalid, as the council had not complied with the provisions of the Act. The point proved fatal. The Judge (Chief Justice Darley) decided against the creditor bank, which appealed. On the appeal by the bank the council raised another objection that it had obtained the Governor's sanction to raise money "to be expended on permanent improvements," but had borrowed the money from the bank to pay a pre-existing debt. The point was again fatal, and the appeal was dismissed.

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Then the Legislature took a hand, and "seeing that the money advanced by the bank had been expended for the benefit of the municipality, and that this refusal to recognise the debt savoured of repudiation" (Chief Justice Darley's words), Parliament passed an Act which validated the loan, and thus got over the decision of the Supreme Court on the points raised by the council. Then the application for a receiver was renewed, and after more points taken for the municipality, the Full Court held in favour of the bank, and a receiver was appointed. Then a new phase of this extraordinary case arose. The receiver was appointed in September, 1898, and early in 1899 three aldermen resigned, and three retired by effluxion of time. Only three aldermen were thus left in office, as no attempt was made to fill the vacancies, the retiring aldermen not submitting themselves for re-election.

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The Chief Justice looked upon the resignation of the aldermen, and refusal to act in that capacity, as "a deliberate attempt on the part of the municipality to repudiate their just liability, an attempt of a most disgraceful nature, which, if successful, would imperil the stability of most of the municipalities in this colony, and render municipal government, so much to be desired, and the management of municipalities, well nigh impossible." These were Sir Frederick Darley's words.

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New aldermen were appointed by the Governor to make a quorum of the council, in order to make an assessment and a rate; but they, according to the Chief Justice, would not form a quorum, or make an assessment or a rate. A mandamus was issued by the Court, directed to the individual aldermen, to compel them to strike a rate. A general rate and a special lighting rate were then struck by the council, but a motion for a special "construction and maintenance lighting rate" for lighting with electricity was defeated. The aldermen were then cited for contempt of the order of the Court, and were each fined £10 and costs. Thus ended a long series of proceedings in the courts. The receiver remained in, but, as we learn from Mr. Oldham's letter, has been withdrawn by arrangement with the creditors, and the new council is honourably endeavouring to discharge the liabilities of the council. For this they are entitled to hearty commendations. Better late than never.

BISLEY RIFLE TEAM.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVES.

W. CUTLER, CLARK, AND EDWARDS SELECTED.

Last night the council of the National Rifle Association selected the three representatives of this State who are to go to Bisley with the Commonwealth rifle team. The results of the two days' test shooting were reported to the meeting, and after considerable discussion as to the method of selection to be adopted it was decided to send the three men who compiled the best aggregate score in the tests. These men were W. Cutler, of the Bathurst Rifle Club, 451; A.B. W. A. Clark, of the Naval Brigade, 439; and Corporal S. Edwards, of the Australian Rifles, 438. In the event of any of these men not being able to go their places are to be filled from the men following next in order of merit in the tests—O. J. Stanton, Lieutenant R. C. Dawson, and G. L. Ardill.

The second series of the test was carried out at Randwick yesterday. Throughout the day the wind, which came up the range, proved troublesome, and it was only by the closest watching of the coaches that the sudden changes from left to right and vice versa could be observed; consequently the scores again were not of the highest order, although the totals generally were better than those of the previous day.

In the Kolapore Cup test W. Cutler headed the list with 100 out of the possible 105. Next came G. L. Ardill, with 98. Corporal Edwards, who did so well on the previous day, only got 92, in consequence of a break-up at 600yds, where he got 27. In the Mackinnon Cup test, W. Cutler was again to the front, with a total of 133. He thus headed the aggregate for the day with a total of 233, the next man to him being G. L. Ardill with 226. Cutler, by his fine shooting of yesterday, gained top place in the combined tests with a total of 451, being 12 points ahead of the next man, W. A. Clark.

Following are the detailed results:—

KOLAPORE CUP CONDITIONS.

Seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Highest possible score, 105 points.

Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
W. Cutler, Bathurst	34	34	32	100
G. L. Ardill, Parramatta	31	33	34	98
W. A. Clark, Naval Brigade	35	32	30	97
O. J. Stanton, Tramway	31	33	31	95
N. Priddle, Eastern Suburbs	31	34	30	95
M. H. Tessimond, Lithgow	33	32	29	95
G. Lindsay, Shellharbour	31	31	32	94
Capt. Beardsmore, 2nd A.I.R.	31	32	31	94
Staff Sgt. W. Cooper, Parramatta	32	32	30	94
A. Cutler, Bathurst	31	31	31	93
C. Morris, Goulburn	30	32	30	92
A. M. Cooper, Randwick	31	31	30	92
Col.-sgt. W. Pettigrew, 2nd A.I.R.	31	32	29	92
Corpl. S. Edwards, Aust. Rifles	32	33	27	92
H. Love, Kiama	28	33	30	91
W. T. Palmer, Sunny Corner	29	32	30	91
Staff-sgt. W. Pantlin, Engineers	31	30	30	91
A. R. Harding, Parramatta	28	30	32	90
Lt. R. C. Dawson, Aust. Rifles	30	31	29	90
R. R. Ferguson, N. Sydney	30	30	29	89
W. J. Green, Railway	30	32	27	89
A. H. Garnsey, Sydney	30	35	24	89
A. W. Dunrich, North Sydney	31	32	24	87

MACKINNON CUP CONDITIONS.

Ten shots at 800, 900, and 1000 yards. Highest possible score, 150 points.

Name.	800yds.	900yds.	1000yds.	Total.
W. Cutler	45	47	41	133
Colour-sergeant Pettigrew	50	40	40	130
Lieutenant R. C. Dawson	44	44	41	129
M. H. Tessimond	46	48	35	129
G. L. Ardill	47	40	41	128
W. A. Clark	43	40	42	125
O. J. Stanton	44	38	41	123
Corporal S. Edwards	42	37	42	121
A. Cutler	48	33	40	121
A. H. Garnsey	46	46	29	121
A. W. Dunrich	47	34	38	119
A. M. Cooper	46	39	33	118
W. J. Green	37	41	39	117
Sergeant W. Cooper	43	36	38	117
Captain Beardsmore	41	41	32	114
Staff-sergeant Pantlin	39	48	27	114
R. R. Ferguson	44	32	36	112
C. Morris	39	39	34	112
W. T. Palmer	39	33	38	110
Private Love	46	21	30	97
N. Priddle	30	35	31	96

The scores for the combined tests yesterday were as follow:—W. Cutler, 233; G. L. Ardill, 226; H. M. Tessimond, 224; W. A. Clark, 222; Col.-sgt. Pettigrew, 222; Lt. R. C. Dawson, 219; O. J. Stanton, 218; A. Cutler, 214; Corp. Edwards, 213; Staff-sgt. Cooper, 211; A. M. Cooper, 210; A. H. Garnsey, 210; Capt. Beardsmore, 208; A. W. Dunrich, 206; W. J. Green, 206; Staff-sgt. Pantlin, 205; C. Morris, 204; W. T. Palmer, 201; R. R. Ferguson, 201; N. Priddle, 191; Pte. Love, 188.

Following are the scores obtained in each of the four tests:—

Name.	Kolapore Test. No. 1.	Kolapore Test. No. 2.	Mackinnon Test. No. 1.	Mackinnon Test. No. 2.	Total.
W. Cutler	98	100	120	133	451
W. A. Clark	98	97	119	125	439
Corp. S. Edwards	99	92	126	121	438
O. J. Stanton	95	95	121	123	434
Lt. R. C. Dawson	93	90	112	129	424
G. L. Ardill	98	98	98	129	424
A. Cutler	97	93	108	121	419
Col.-sgt. W. Pettigrew	90	92	107	130	419
M. H. Tessimond	90	95	97	129	411
Staff-sgt. Pantlin	94	91	111	114	410
A. W. Dunrich	87	87	115	119	408
W. J. Green	89	89	110	117	405
C. Morris	91	92	110	112	405
Staff-sgt. Cooper	95	94	97	117	403
A. H. Garnsey	93	89	100	121	403
A. M. Cooper	89	92	103	118	402
W. T. Palmer	90	91	105	110	396
N. Priddle	90	95	115	96	396
R. R. Ferguson	88	89	109	112	398
Capt. Beardsmore	88	94	94	114	390
Pte. Love	88	91	94	97	371
A. R. Harding	90	90	80	Retired.	

NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of members of Newcastle Tattersall's Club was held at the rooms, Hunter-street, last night, the president, Mr. D. Fisher, occupying the chair. In their annual report the committee expressed satisfaction with transactions during the year, the club having held its own in the face of drastic legislation contained in the new Gaming Act. Whilst admitting that the bill contained some good points, it placed some disabilities on legitimate clubs, but they hoped that amendments would be made so that well-conducted clubs of long standing would not be robbed of privileges they were justly entitled to. The receipts for the year totalled £2696, including the previous year's balance of £1215. The total assets amounted to £1707. The old committee were re-elected with the exception of Mr. T. Griffiths, who did not seek re-election. Mr. Morouey was elected in his place.

MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE.

The Newcastle Tramways Miniature Rifle Range Club gave a dinner at the tramway sheds, Parnell-place, to-night, to celebrate the opening of their range. The Newcastle Railway Band supplied music during the evening.

The president, Mr. J. Kneeshaw, Superintendent of Tramways, who presided, congratulated the tramway men on the initiation of the club, and the splendid range which was the result of the men's efforts. The establishment of miniature ranges was a big factor in rifle shooting, and the movement should be encouraged, as it was capital training for young men in a service which was essential to the defence of the Commonwealth.

The Mayor (Alderman James), Mr. Watkins, M.P., Mr. C. A. Hodgson (District Superintendent of Railways), Colonel Rancland, Mr. E. Smallman, Major Burnage, and Mr. F. Turner also spoke.

Mr. Kneeshaw, in responding to the toast of "The Chairman," referred to the tramways of Newcastle, and said that the time had arrived when the matter of converting the present steam service into an electric system should be considered. This would be one of the first works which the new Commissioners would have to deal with, and already he had plans for the scheme ready to be submitted to them.

The company then retired to the new range, alongside the tramway sheds, where a rifle match was shot off. The range, which is turfed, has a length of 25 yards, and is effectively illuminated with gaslight. The range is for the use of the tramway and railway men and the police. The match was between a team of civilians and military and the railway and tramway team, and resulted in a win for the latter by 54 to 39. At the conclusion, Mr. Kneeshaw humorously referred to the range as a splendid eyesight test for the tramway men. The club already has a membership of 82.

COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Perth, s, for Melbourne, with 2420 tons coal; Karori, s, for Beauty Point, Devonport, and Burnie, with 1250 tons coal; Bass Rock, bq, for Pacasmayo, with 1503 tons coal.

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The question of handing over the northern portion of South Australia to the Federal Government, and as a field for extensive immigration, having for some time engaged the attention of the press, and as a consequence the public, induces me to bring under notice the South Australian Government Geologist's (Mr. H. Y. L. Brown) comprehensive report upon the Territory. His description of its capabilities both as mining and pastoral is calculated to induce persons of health and strength to try their fortunes in it. It has its drawbacks of a hot and dry period, but the thermometer never rises there as it does at Hergott Springs, where labour is performed in the open, with it at 115deg. Sambon, in his theory in regard to acclimatisation quoted by Professor Gregory in his "Dead Heart of Australia," maintains "that there is nothing to prevent Europeans living and working as well as any black race in the hottest tropical localities." He maintains that the supposed unsuitability of the tropics for European settlement is due to disease, and not to climate, and that as the special tropical diseases are due to germs they may be cured or prevented when the life histories of the germs are known. The professor continues: "The sight of white men engaged in severe manual labour in the climate of the Lake Eyre depression certainly suggested that a white Australia is no impossible ideal for even the hottest regions of the centre." But to return to Mr. Brown. He continues: "Here" (on the Daly River) we met Mr. and Mrs. Niemann. They had vast funds of information concerning the Northern Territory in general, and the aboriginal inhabitants in particular. Their two daughters speak the native language fluently. They are enthusiastic admirers of the Territory, and are living examples of the value of its climate for some people. At the Katherine telegraph station we met Mr. T. H. Pearce, an old resident; he is a progressive man, and has recently imported four magnificent stallions, two Arabs, and two Suffolk Punches for his Willeroo station. Generally the country along the Daly is poor, there being, of course, good patches." With respect to the climate, this part of Australia—that is to say, Port Essington, and secondly established in place of this, Melville Island, which is a short distance from Palmerston across the Clarence Strait—was abandoned in 1829. The account of it is, firstly, from Captain Sterling, in charge of the settlement in 1827, who was in favour of its retention; secondly, from Dr. Davis, who in 1828 arrived as assistant surgeon to take medical charge of it, who says, although he was at first inclined to condemn it, as a place unfit to be occupied by Europeans, he completely changed his mind, as the climate had undergone a great change, and it is now different to what he was induced to form of it from the received intelligence of last year. "There is no endemic disease here. The climate of this place surpasses every other, as far as I know, which are equally near the equator, and were it not for the great height of the atmospheric temperature (81½), I should consider the climate the best in the world." Other authorities in charge of the settlement speak most favourably of the climate. Dr. Thomas Braidwood Wilson, R.N., formerly of Braidwood, who found his way (after being wrecked in Torres Straits) to Melville Island some time before the settlement broke up, says:—"As far as my own experience and observations go, I perfectly coincide in opinion as to the healthiness of the climate. I was accustomed to use a great deal of exercise, even in the middle of the day, which would have been extremely hazardous in India. I found on my arrival at Raffles Bay every person not only in good health, but in good condition: and during my residence there I observed no complaint amongst the people, excepting ophthalmia, which occasionally prevails, but generally in a mild form." Although these early Northern settlements were abandoned, Dr. Wilson continues:—"There can be no doubt that a settlement judiciously chosen and properly conducted would in a very short time become, both in a political and mercantile point of view, a place of considerable importance in the Eastern world." Port Darwin is to the south of Melville Island, but their climates must be much the same. The tides in the rivers rise and fall 24ft, and the inlets rush down to the sea at the rate of six miles an hour. The rivers are fresh at about 50 miles from where they debouch. I commend for the perusal of persons interested in the Northern Territory of South Australia Mr. Brown's report upon the Territory. It doubtless can be obtained from the Government Printer, Adelaide. I am, etc.,

Woollahra, Feb. 25. S. M. MOWLE.

THE R.A.A. BAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I perceive by the letter of your correspondent "Live and Let Live" that the Royal Australian Artillery bandsmen have been precluded from taking private engagements during their spare time. I think this is very hard upon them, as their pay is small, and they have no other method of supplementing it.

This splendid band, which is certainly second to none in the State (to say the least of it), consists of some 25 performers, each of whom is a trained musician, daily practised under a competent conductor. It comprises stringed, reed, and brass instruments, and for upwards of 20 years has been a source of gratification to the public by playing twice weekly in the Botanic Gardens and the parks selections of music which it is a treat to hear. It is the only band which performs in the afternoons, and thus enhances the enjoyment of our recreation grounds to large numbers of persons, especially ladies and others, who for various reasons do not care so much for the evening music, or are unable to attend it. The R.A.A. band is also always in evidence on public occasions when music is required, and it has frequently given its services gratuitously in the cause of charity.

I think these men should receive encouragement. The more they play the more proficient they will become; and if they can earn a little money outside their pay without interfering with their duties, why should this be grudged. I am, etc., L.

CASUALTIES.

STREET FATALITY.

The inquest on the body of Olive Elizabeth Graham, five years of age, who was killed on the 2nd instant by being run over by a waggon near the intersection of Redfern and Elizabeth streets, was commenced yesterday by the City Coroner. The medical testimony was to the effect that death was probably due to injuries to the head, occasioned by the horses' hoofs. The examination did not reveal any injuries to the body consequent on the wheels passing over it. Two witnesses stated that they saw the wheels of the vehicle pass over the length of the body. The inquest was adjourned until next week, owing to the absence of a material witness.

A SUGAR BOILER'S DEATH.

The death of Henry Brooks, a sugar boiler, lately employed by Messrs. Poolman Brothers' sugar works, Balmain, who died on the 1st inst., according to the medical testimony, from injuries received by falling into a tank of hot water on the 27th ult., formed the subject of an inquest yesterday morning before the City Coroner. The Coroner found in accordance with the medical testimony, and added that no blame was attachable to anyone.

A SEVERE FALL.

Charles Lindemann, a seaman, fractured several ribs and dislocated his right hip yesterday morning by falling down the hold of the collier Mount Kembla, which was then lying at Darling Island. The distance of the fall was about 40ft. He was taken by the Civil Ambulance to the Sydney Hospital.

FALL FROM A TRAM.

Andrew Bishop, an elderly man, fell off a tram in King-street yesterday, and sustained a scalp wound and a severe contusion of the forehead, which necessitated his removal to the Sydney Hospital. The injured man is a visitor from the Paterson River.

A CHINAMAN INJURED.

At an early hour yesterday morning Yet Geh, a Chinaman, resident in Wexford-street, was found lying at the foot of some stairs, down which he had fallen. The Civil Ambulance conveyed him in an unconscious condition to the Sydney Hospital.

DEATH FROM "ROUGH ON RATS."

A case of supposed suicide was reported yesterday morning from Newtown, the name of the deceased being James Crighton Ellis White Liddle, a master butcher, lately residing at King-street, Newtown. Liddle, it appears, admitted having taken some "Rough on Rats," some of which was found on the premises. It was stated that he had been complaining of business troubles.

A WOMAN INJURED.

Catherine Flannagan, 65, residing in Redfern, was walking through the railway subway on Tuesday night, when she slipped and fell. She proceeded home, apparently but little affected by the accident. Yesterday afternoon, however, while she was proceeding along Regent-street, she collapsed. The Civil Ambulance conveyed her to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where she was admitted, suffering from injuries to the head.

FOUND DEAD.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

William Howell was found dead, shot, near Cudal. The Coroner has left to hold an inquest.

FATALITY IN THE BUSH.

CONDOBOLIN, Wednesday.

Late yesterday afternoon, T. J. Mooney, second son of Mr. T. F. Mooney, of Wollamundry, was found lying seriously injured in one of the Wollamundry paddocks. He went out late yesterday afternoon on one of his father's horses, and it is surmised that he was thrown and kicked. He was brought into Condobolin last night, and died in the hospital this afternoon without regaining consciousness.

FALL DOWN A SHAFT.

PORTLAND, Wednesday.

An elderly miner, named John King, was being lowered down a shaft in Bushranger's Creek yesterday afternoon, when the windlass broke. He fell a distance of 60ft to the bottom, and received a compound dislocation and fracture of the ankle joint. He was ordered to the Lithgow Hospital.

SEVERE BURNING ACCIDENT.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Wednesday.

Mrs. Harold Reeve was very severely burned to-day through her clothes catching alight at a fire. Mr. T. H. Reeve, her father-in-law, in extinguishing the flames, was also severely burned about the hands, arms, and face. Mrs. Reeve is now in a critical condition.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

A boy named John Broad, aged 13, came in contact with a post while exercising a horse on the racecourse to-day, and sustained a fracture of the skull. The case is serious, and the medical attendants think an operation may be necessary.

LATE COMMERCIAL.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Chillagoe Debentures, ex all arrears of interest, b £80, s £85; Queensland Trustee, b 5s 7½d; Queensland National Bank, b 21s; ditto, inscribed stock, b 17s 4d, s 17s 6d; forward, b 17s 4d, s 17s 6d.

CONDITION OF CAMPERDOWN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In answer to Alderman Sparkes, in your issue of the 27th ult., I am pleased to know that Alderman Sparkes and the engineers of the Public Works Department approve of the sewers that were constructed in the borough prior to the Water and Sewerage Board coming into existence, for I was an alderman and Mayor of Camperdown during the time a great part of the work was carried out, consequently I am pleased that they can so ably testify to the fact that the sewers are well and faithfully constructed. However, I have no wish to go into ancient history; my contention is that at the present time the borough, from a sanitary point and for cleanliness, compares more than favourably with most surrounding boroughs. As regards Alderman Sparkes's logic that because a charge is made for the removal of house garbage the borough must necessarily be unclean, it needs no comment. Re the charge itself, viz.: Threepence each householder per week, I say it is not excessive or exorbitant when I point out that the contractor has to remove it from the houses twice a week, and cart it out to Moore Park. I may also state that the residents of Camperdown are in no worse position than the people of Marrickville, Leichhardt, North Sydney, Waverley, Woollahra, and other boroughs that financially are in a much better position than Camperdown, yet have to pay a similar charge.

Alderman Sparkes asks, Why not compel the whole of the residents to pay the rate? He should know that according to the Municipalities Act we cannot strike a rate and make it compulsory, but when the system was started the householders would willingly have paid for the service had not Alderman Sparkes and others advised them not to do so. Again, Alderman Sparkes complains of the tip, but admits that he did all he possibly could to induce the residents not to pay to have the garbage removed, and thus do away with the tip—no doubt a most undesirable factor in our midst. Dr. Armstrong, whilst objecting to the tip, when made aware of the fact that we are in treaty for the erection of a garbage destructor, freely admitted that in Camperdown we were doing all that was possible under the then existing circumstances to abate the evil. When negotiations failed, we had to look elsewhere, and eventually obtained a garbage tip at Moore Park; and thus get rid of the nuisance at the exorbitant cost to the ratepayers in Alderman Sparkes's opinion, of threepence per week, a charge, I am pleased to state, I freely advocated in the interest of health and cleanliness.

Re properties not connected with the sewer, let me point out that in consequence of the low-level scheme not being complete, it was impossible for numbers of the properties in the borough to be connected, but thanks to the energy of Mayor Mallett, and the valuable assistance rendered to the council by Messrs. W. H. Mahony, M.L.A., and J. P. Smith, M.L.A., members for the district, in urging on the department the necessity of completing the work, the work is now approaching completion, and in a very short time every house in the borough will be connected with the sewer. As regards Alderman Sparkes's other charges they apply with even greater force to every other borough, and even more so to the city of Sydney; but you do not find a city alderman rushing into print to lower and injure the reputation of the great city they represent. No; they adopt the more honourable and commonsense course, and use every endeavour in a proper way to improve the situation. I am, etc.,

THOMAS LARKIN,
Alderman, Borough of Camperdown.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

COUNCIL AND RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

The municipal council at a meeting on Monday night devoted a considerable time to discussing a telegram and letter from the Railway Commissioners on the subject of the council's recent protest against the granting of a lease of portion of the railway reserve to a local business firm, it having been contended that the land in question was required for a proper station approach. The department's communications stated that the firm referred to had declined to surrender their lease, and so the matter could not be proceeded with any further, but it was intimated that if the council had made known their wishes before the lease was signed in December it might have been withdrawn. In reply to this the Mayor pointed out that letters had been sent before that month, and the opinion was strongly expressed that the council had been flouted. It was resolved to send another letter to the Commissioners expressing dissatisfaction at the treatment the council had received.

HOSPITALS.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

At a meeting in connection with Molong Hospital it was decided to call for tenders for the erection of a new isolation ward to replace that recently destroyed by fire. The committee will find all the material. Mr. Holt moved that in any case where drugs, dressings, etc., were needed, the same be procured locally at a cost not exceeding 10 per cent. on the Sydney wholesale prices, supplies at present being procured from wholesale houses. The motion was strongly opposed, on the ground that the committee were not entitled to pay more for supplies than they could procure them for elsewhere, and the motion was defeated by six votes to three.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

Mr. A. W. Taylor has been elected president of the district hospital, Dr. Corfe medical officer, Mr. Thomas Jackson secretary, and Mr. A. J. Shaw treasurer.

THE CHURCHES.

QUEANBEYAN, Wednesday.

It has been decided to erect a new Roman Catholic Church at Gininderra, and at a meeting £170 was promised in the room.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Bathurst School of Arts Hall, which has lately been reconstructed at a cost of upwards of £3000, was opened to-night by a concert. There was a large attendance.

At a meeting of the progress association last night attention was drawn to the necessity of increased police protection in Bathurst, the number of men on duty having been reduced by one-half. It was resolved to bring the matter before the newly-appointed superintendent of police, and if the request is not complied with to refer the matter to the Attorney-General.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Charles Kite's license of the Athletic Club Hotel was cancelled to-day, he having been convicted of offences against the Licensing Act three times in three years. A new license was at once granted and transferred to Gordon Miller.

Emily Anderson, married, living at South Broken Hill, last night attempted to strangle herself with a rope, but at the last moment was found by her husband and saved. The woman had been heavily drinking "pinky" of late. At the police court to-day she was charged with attempted suicide, and sentenced to a month's gaol, the sentence to be suspended under the First Offenders' Act.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

The Progress Association has carried a strongly worded resolution protesting against the Railway Commissioners letting on lease a portion of railway land to a private firm when such a site was required for the safe approach to the railway station. It was also resolved, if no satisfactory reply is received from the department, to take the matter to Parliament.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

Captain Nicholson and Major Markwell, of Maitland, visited Dungog yesterday, and formed a squadron of Lancers.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

The Works Department has notified the council that the taking over of the main roads running through the municipality is compulsory under the new Act. At last night's meeting the action of the Government in collecting the land tax for 1907 in advance, and holding over the powers under the Act by which councils can raise increased revenue till next year was severely commented on, and the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:—"That the Government be informed that this council will only take over the main roads if compelled, but will not maintain them, as it has no funds to do so, and it looks to the Premier to redeem his promise to provide the councils with the necessary funds."

LISMORE, Tuesday.

In all 80 children made application at the school to-day for tickets for free conveyance by omnibus to the South Lismore school. The weekly payments by the department for this number will be £3 8s.

MURWILLUMBAH, Wednesday.

Mr. A. Bruntnell, engaged by the I.O.G.T. Leagues of Richmond and the Tweed, addressed a large meeting in the School of Arts last night on the new liquor laws.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

The train arrived about three hours late on Monday, having been partly derailed between here and Temora, near Gidginbung.

WOLUMLA, Wednesday.

A ball held in aid of the School of Arts new supper-room—just completed—realised over £10. This institution has been free from debt for many years past.

APPLAUSE IN CHURCH.

Attending a Boys' Brigade meeting, the Bishop of Carlisle said he understood that was to be a religious service (remarks the London "Daily Telegraph" of November 28), and he was surprised to hear applause, because people did not applaud in churches. That was a Greek custom, which he would not like to see revived. One good purpose it would serve, however, would be to let a preacher know how he was getting on with his sermon. "I want to ask you one question," his lordship added. "Shall I preach you a sermon or give an address? Those in favour of a sermon hold up hands." There was no movement amongst his hearers, but in favour of an address a forest of hands eagerly went up. The Bishop proceeded to address the boys on the use of words, and declared that there was no lesson he was more thankful to have learned as a boy than never to use words he could not spell or understand. If proper words were used it would keep down swearing. Anybody who swore manifested the beggarliness of his vocabulary.

SCARCITY OF RAILWAY SLEEPERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—For some time there has been an increasing complaint as to scarcity of timber suitable for railway purposes, more particularly for sleepers, and, according to recent reports in your valuable columns, they have now reached an almost acute form.

My object in asking for a little of your valuable space is to draw attention to the fact that the large and important red gum forests on the Murray, Gulpha, Edwards, and other streams that flow out of the first-mentioned river are neglected by the Railway Department.

Thousands of pounds have been spent by our Government in thinning and supervising, apparently to provide a supply of railway and other timber for Victoria, which State is drawing largely from these forests. Under existing conditions the cost of cartage to the nearest New South Wales line is prohibitive.

Large forests have been reserved in the district indicated, and I think evidence could readily be got showing that they reproduce timber very fast. Within my own knowledge, logs are being obtained on the Victorian side from country that was exhausted 30 years ago. In some instances three or four logs (sprouts) from the stumps of trees cut down in the early seventies. That the timber is very suitable for sleepers is, I think, evidenced by the experience of the D. and M. Railway Company.

It is now over 30 years since their line was laid with sleepers from these forests, and I am certain the cost for renewals has been proportionately much less than on Government lines. I have travelled for years between Deniliquin and Moama without seeing the stacks of old sleepers so familiar on the Government lines.

Now, Sir, this all goes to show that the action of the various Governments in conserving the Bamah, Gulpha, and other forests was wise and judicious, but should have been supplemented by the linking of the D. and M. line with our lines to enable New South Wales to use the timber for railway purposes. In conclusion, I suggest the desirability of an exhaustive inquiry as to the value of these forests to the Railway Department, and their bearing upon the question of extension to Deniliquin. I am, etc.,

G. CHANDLER.

A noteworthy page in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" deals with the recent maritime disasters. There are pictures of the Great Admiral, the Carnarvon Castle, the steamer Berlin, the Montgomeryshire, and the scow Ruakaka.—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 6.

Sierra, R.M.S., 3989 tons, Captain H. C. Houdlette, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, Pago Pago, and Auckland. Passengers: Mr. E. L. Brune, Dr. A. G. Corbin, Dr. J. Preston Hocken, Mr. A. McMullen, Mrs. S. A. McMullen, Mr. H. C. Seymour, Miss E. S. Seymour, Miss Lillian Shaw, Mr. R. von Unruh, Mr. L. Macquarie, Rev. T. K. Abbott, Mr. A. E. Caro, Mr. Morris Caro, Mr. Geo. Johnston, Mr. J. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Scott, Mr. A. R. D. Watson, Mr. W. J. Spenson, Mr. T. E. Swift, Mr. A. Crocker, Miss A. E. Cherry, Miss M. Delaney, Mrs. S. Dreibellis, Miss G. Dreibellis, Master R. Dreibellis, Master W. Dreibellis, Mrs. J. Dunne, Mrs. Anna Gillespie, Mrs. R. Hasluck, Mr. Chas. Inman, Mr. T. H. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. T. Noenken, Miss C. Noenken, Miss N. Noenken, Master N. Noenken, Mr. T. Shaw, Mr. A. Simpson, Miss Ella Brown, Mr. W. J. Haddon, Mr. C. Honeynell, Mrs. S. A. Jenkins, Mr. Jas. J. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne, Master A. J. Payne, Master Percy Payne, Master Harold Payne, Mr. Jas. Furlong, Mr. E. P. McCann, Mr. Alex. Burgess, Mr. A. P. Guzzini, Mr. Neil Nelson, Mr. Jas. Duggan, Mr. Jas. Coradine, Mr. Carl Carlson, Mr. F. Hilgrove, Mr. J. Kieckhush, Mr. A. J. Boast, Mr. W. Worsford, Mr. Jas. Barker, Mr. J. Bainville. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Maheno, s, 5500 tons, Captain R. Neville, from Wellington. Passengers—Misses Allen, Himmell, Ford, Paul, Moore (2), Watkins, Crisp, Reynolds, M'Millan, Brown, Kendall (2), Gartlan, Stryche, Fogo, Jenkins, Smith, Chase, Norris, Milligan, Moran, Cambridge, Hutchison, Fraser, Davenport, Forsaith, Hibbard, Illingworth, Marks, Moran, Liddle, Spier, Smythson, Brown, Long, Ware, M'Quade, Maunder, Roberts, Keyster, Cameron, Wheeler, Gourlay, Hamilton, Smith, Camming, Laurence, Greenfield, Sutton, Passey, Bryenser, Tyler, Chapman (2), Home, and Williams, Mesdames Kane, Marks, Syme, Weyland, Howell, Hampton child and governess, Littlejohn, Fraser, Westring, Kibell, Reynolds, Chase, Morris, M'Kee, Dale, Stratton, Brandt, Allen, Cargill, Wall, Foster, Donnelly, Madison, Green, Fisher, Cameron and maid, Berry, Cook, Bridge, Moore, Holmes, Haswell and child, Watkins, Lough, Richardson, Thomas, Longdon, Lahey and 4 children, Brett, Martin, Beech, Wiseman and 2 children, Innes, Eaton, Fogo, Laing, Porter, Scott, Lock, Hughes, Hamilton, Kohlsheimer, Dencham, Swindlehurst and 3 children, Clark and infant, Gifford, Glover, Hutchison, Davenport, Twiss, Ware, Dawkins, Bisley, Hammond, Beckingsale, Jackson, Hurburgh and infant, Milham, Fox, Baggs, Main, Gourley, Smith, Bain, Herrington and child, Bulow and child, Stafford and child, Canning, Williams, Denyer and 2 children, Arymourten and 3 children, Hunter, Becker, Birgenzee, Coghlan and child, Smith, M'Rae and son, Benfell and 5 children, Messrs. Brandt, Coull, Jenkins, Holdsworth, Seely, Chisholm, Napier, M'Kee, Loughnan, Cameron, Ralston, Judd, Loughlan, Boland, Dale, Berry, Prof. Cook, Bridge, Brown, Prof. Haswell, Heath, Watkins, Richardson, Thomas, Pie, Longden, Sergeant O'Dea, Dr. Woodward, Beech, Kirkwood, Gartlan, Styche, Monk, Coulson, Wark, Joyce, Patterson, Froggatt, Panto, Laing, Freeth, Hirschell, Porter, Hon. Bennett, Dr. Palmer, Nolan, Olerhardt, Finley, Hillier, Anderson, Jurean, Bailey, Densham, Cox, Rev. Godbehere, Hart, Allen, Rev. Thompson, Gifford, Jameson, Hutchison, Donaldson, Swiss, Captain Kinnan, Westring, Reynolds, Chase-Morris, Stratton, Warren, Smith, Vaeglier, Greenhill, Kenna, Lock, Dr. Syme, Weyland, Lahey, Roundy, Slade-Murray, Hampton, Watson, Hill, Hudson, Coombes, Harbutt, M'Rae, Dimant, Stott, Osborne, Stephenson, Davison, Littlejohn, Col. Lumsden, Adams, Parkinson, M'Reynold, Bisley (4), Hon. Roberts, Nicholls, M'Cally, Hammond, Jerrold, Cameron, Anderson, Plunkett, Jackson, Keys, Riddle, M'Kay, Leamentone, Lewis, Hodgson, Kemp, Baggs, Gillam, Ross, Marks, Richardson, Coulter (2), Lyes, Brown, Samuels, Russell, Keith, Bain, Banks, Briton, Jones, Goodwin, Marchant, Garvie, Kenny, Randall, Seiff, M'Cartney, Nassey, Langley, Arymourten, Marich, Wade (2), Hunter (2), Alley, Wetherill, Harvey, Logerson, Calwell, Smith, Becker (2), Morrow, Mayo, Walsh, Kelly, Doyle, Hyde, Martin, Hill, Bellers, Trungeon, Townsend, Ireland, Lee, Eastwood, Gummerson, Brigensee, Sturgeter, Stone, Manning (2), Ballinger, Poleglaze, Darley, Smith, Ferguson, Andrews, Smith, M'Phee, Lyes, Ambrose, Smith, O'Brien, Thompson, Shannon, Beaumont, Seymour, Condeliffe, Anlemark, Palmer, Graham, Waker, and 23 Chinese in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Archer, s, 694 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Sydney, s, 634 tons, Captain Nelson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Tarcoola, s, 2646 tons, Captain Christie, from Newcastle, en route to Western Australian ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Rosedale, s, 274 tons, Captain Nicholson, from Narrabeen River, via Newcastle. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Wauchope, s, 269 tons, Captain F. W. Merrett, from Port Macquarie. N. Cain's Coastal Co-operative S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain P. F. O'Beirne, from Narooma. Allen, Taylor, and Co., Ltd., agents.

City of Grafton, s, 525 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Cooloon, s, 238 tons, Captain James Colvin, from Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour. Langley Bros., agents.

DEPARTURES.—March 6.

Indraghiri, s, for Dunkirk, Hull, and London, via ports.

Meissen, s, for Brisbane, en route from Hamburg.

Empire, s, for China and Japan, via ports.

Pacifique, s, for Noumea and New Hebrides.

Langeoog, s, for German New Guinea.

Grantala, s, for Fremantle, via ports.

Wimmera, s, for Auckland.

Maheno, s, for Newcastle.

Glenelvan, British sh, for West Coast, via Newcastle.

Alexander Gibson, American sh, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

Mario, Italian barque, for West Coast, via Newcastle.

Moorabool, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 7.

Ayrshire, s, for New Zealand ports; St. Louis, s, for Noumea, via Newcastle; Oonah, s, for Hobart; Woy Woy, s, for Newport and Bayview; Bega, s, for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, and Eden; Erina, s, for Gosford, Woy Woy, and Brisbane Water; Coomonderry, s, for Moruya (direct), Narooma, and Wagonga; Hastings, s, for Macleay River (all parts); Rosedale, s, for Nambucca River; City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Rippie, s, for Moruya; Pyrmont, s, for Port Macquarie, Hastings, and Wilson River; and Wauchope, s, for Port Macquarie, Hastings and Wilson Rivers.

CLEARANCES.—March 6.

Wimmera, s, 2960 tons, Captain G. F. Entwisle, for Auckland. Passengers: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. M'Diarmid, Master M'Diarmid, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bull, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Macpherson and infant, Mesdames L. Wilson, M'Ard, H. George, Misses J. M. Stewart, Todhunter, K. Kerr, Thorpe, L. Hill, Hutchison, Ferguson, L. Newall, Jones (2), Messrs. Palmer, R. Wolf, Bond, W. Squires, G. W. Custer, P. F. Dies, R. Reynolds, L. Fraser, Captain C. Cooke, Frederickson, R. Schmidt, J. Worrall, Stokes, F. Stewart, R. Mellon, J. B. Dawes, H. M. Todhunter, Captain Howard Kerr, F. H. Jones, R. G. D. Thomas, R. Fairfax Cholmondeley, Jones, R. Jones, O. Jones, H. Jones, and 42 in the steerage.

Glenelvan, sh, 1736 tons, Captain Robbins, for West Coast, via Newcastle.

Pacifique, s, 1956 tons, Captain Loumeau, for New Hebrides and Noumea.

Empire, s, 4498 tons, Captain Helms, for China and Japan, via ports, with passengers as per list published yesterday.

Indraghiri, s, 4927 tons, Captain Hodingsworth, for London and Continent, via Melbourne.

Moorabool, s, 2905 tons, Captain Thompson, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Grantala, s, 3655 tons, Captain Knight, for Fremantle, via ports.

IMPORTS.—March 6.

Sierra, R.M.S., from San Francisco, via ports: 15 bxs buckwheat flour, 9 cs boots and shoes, 2 crts bicycles, 250 bxs codfish, 4 bxs dentals, 4 cs drugs, 12 cs electrical goods, 16 pkgs oil engines and parts, 40 sks flour, 5 cs canned fruit, 1 cs fish eggs, 1855 pkgs dried fruit, 12 tins gum, 10 cs axle grease, 185 pkgs groceries and provisions, 224 pkgs hardware, 1 cs hats, 2 cs printing ink, 30 bbls printing ink, 501 pigs lead, 10 bls leather, 520 bbls lead traps, 21 cs medicine, 732 pkgs metal polish, 40 pkgs machinery, 16 cs notions, 60 cs lub oil, 271 bbls lub oil, 838 bxs oranges, 5 bxs overalls, 100 cs paint, 29 pkgs ploughs and parts, 29 pkgs periodicals, 9 bbls earth paint, 12 cs phono goods, 122 pkgs rubber goods, 1058 pkgs roofing material, 481 cs canned salmon, 5 bgs garden seed, 131 cs sew machines, 5 cs spool silk, 10 cs stove polish, 1 bx brass type, 34 cs typewriters and supplies, 1 bx trees, 870 cs canned vegetables, 14 pkgs waggon material, 17 cs washing machines, 419 bgs white lead, 3 bbls Calif. wine, 2 cs bicycles, 1 bbl glassware, 9 parcels.

Moorabool, s, from Melbourne and Geelong: 50 bxs medicine, 25 hhds tobacco, 38 cs confectionery, 24 pkgs furniture, 280 pkgs agricultural implements, 140 bgs clay, 1740 bgs onions, 700 bxs malt, 240 bxs pulp, 25 cs soap, 108 cs matches, 34 bls strawboards, 100 cs jam, 70 cs oil, 105 bgs oats, 66 bxs candles, 40 bxs nails, 25 bgs beans, 130 cs tiles, 140 bls hay, 80 cs bottles, 81 cs vestas, 7240 bgs chaff, 24 cs pears, 1200 bgs salt, 96 bgs barley, 150 bls fodder, and sundries.

Maheno, s, from Wellington: 41 sks tongues, 89 cs fish, 310 sks seed, 85 sks hides, 70 bls hemp, 21 cks tallow, etc., etc.

EXPORTS.—March 6.

Indraghiri, s, for Dunkirk, Hull, and London, via Melbourne: 10,031 bls wool, 14 bls skins, 13,000 brs lead, 2045 ingts copper, 36 cks white zinc, 298 bgs zinc oxide, 230 bgs zinc dross, 250 cres pork, 808 cres lamb, 8000 cres mutton, 5380 bxs butter, and through cargo for Brisbane.

Pacifique, s, for Noumea and New Hebrides: 20 cs lager beer, 20 cs gin, 44 sks salt, 10 cs matches, 190 bgs sugar, 95 bgs onions, 25 cs beef, 10 cs oil, 25 bxs candles, 16 cs g iron, 23 cs salmon, 22 cs naphtha, 20 bgs rice, 30 tins biscuits, 560 cs kerosene, 440 sks (10 ½-sks) flour, 15 sks oats, 120 cs fruit, 180 bgs bran, 14 cs potash, 60 bgs pollard, 12 bgs wheat, 480 bgs potatoes, 15 bls bgs, 10 cs turps, large quantity sundries.

Empire, s, for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports: 4242 brs lead, 140 sks beche de mer, 50 sks fungus, 40,500 ¼-sks flour, 50 c. flour bags, 20 pkgs old copper, 25 bgs bran, 23 bgs barley, 15 pkgs sinews, 2800 bgs wheat, 122 pkgs provisions, 20 ½-cs fruit, 500 cs onions, 400 bgs horseshoes, 20 ½-cs soap, 70 cs jam, 20 cs oil, 50 cs apples, 570 bls wool, 23 sides lamb, 26 sds hoggets, 14 cs cheese, 10 bgs seed, 1114 bxs butter, 14 bxs of gold, containing £8668, sundries, and timber.

Hauroto, s, for Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa: 15 cs nails, 70 cs w netting, 641 rails, 20 drms carbide, 214 cs r stamps, 10 cs porter, 26 bgs bran, 10 cs m water, 15 cs soap, 1110 sks flour, 70 tins, 41 crts biscuits, 60 bgs onions, 22 anchors, 25 bls gunnies, 25 cs matches, 1300 bgs sharps, 40 cs jam, 13 cks tallow, 40 cs lanterns, 40 cs dessert, 300 cs cement, 20 drms oil, 1600 cs kerosene, 140 cs potatoes, 18 cls rope, 2000 bricks, 60 cs fruit, 32 crts discs, 50 cs pipes, 260 pkgs floor pieces, 470 sks maize, 40 bgs coke, 80 sks salt, 158 brs steel, 120 brs iron, 26 bxs silver coin, worth £5200, 10 bgs blue, 50 b wire, 100 wheels, 240 cs whisky, 100 cs beer, 500 bgs rice, 74 oars, 65 cs lager, 161 bgs sugar, 30 cs gin, 10 rls wire, 16 cs g. iron, 35 cs milk, 20 kgs zinc, 10 cs salmon, 13 angles, 90 cs sardines, 170 cs benzine, sundries, and timber.

Customs-house.—Entered outwards: March 6. Tarcoola, s, for Western Australia, via ports; Maheno, s, for Wellington; Runic, s, for Liverpool and London, via Hobart and ports.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ophir, from London bound to Sydney, arrived at Melbourne yesterday from Adelaide, and resumed her voyage again last night. She will arrive to-morrow morning.

The R.M.S. Sierra, from San Francisco via ports, arrived at Sydney shortly before 10 o'clock last night, and anchored in Watson's Bay. She will be berthed at the Circular Quay this morning.

The R.M.S. Moldavia, from London bound to Sydney, left Fremantle at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday for Adelaide, and passed Albany yesterday.

The R.M.S. Mongolia, from Sydney bound to London, arrived at Suez on Monday last.

The G.M.S. Bulow, from Bremen and Southampton bound to Sydney, sailed from Fremantle for Adelaide at 2.45 p.m. on Tuesday.

The F.M.S. Dumbea, from Noumea and Sydney bound to Marseilles, arrived at Fremantle from Adelaide yesterday.

NIKKO MARU DUE NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd. (managing agents for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha) are in receipt of telegraphic advice from Thursday Island advising the departure of the Japanese mail steamer Nikko Maru at noon on Monday for Sydney, via Townsville and Brisbane. She brings the following cargo and mails:—For Sydney: 328 tons of cargo and 13 bags of mails. For Melbourne: 210 tons of cargo and 7 bags of mails. For Brisbane: Seven bags of mails. Also, 26 tons of optional cargo.

The Nikko Maru is expected to arrive at Sydney next Wednesday, 13th inst.

PASSENGERS BY THE MILTIADES.

The following is a list of the passengers to arrive by the Aberdeen liner Miltiades from London, via ports, due here to-morrow morning:—

From London: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dunhill, Miss L. Dunhill, Master W. Dunhill, Mr. C. W. Darley, Mr. J. H. Tee, Miss K. E. Tee, Miss A. E. Tee, Miss L. I. E. Tee, Mr. E. W. Tee, Mr. A. Arnold, Mrs. J. Cull, Mr. P. Cherry, Mrs. M. Davenport, Miss A. Davenport, Mr. A. Gourlay, Miss M. Holland, Mrs. Lindsay and infant, Mr. and Mrs. J. M'Millan and infant, Mr. P. M'Neish, Mr. J. Saunders, Mr. W. Silk, Mr. W. Shears, Mr. C. H. Stubbings, Mrs. Stubbings, Miss Marie Stubbings, Miss D. Stubbings, Miss W. Stubbings.

From Capetown: Mr. W. H. Adams, Mr. E. Dunfee, Mr. J. M. Fuller, Mr. N. Hill, Mr. W. Wightman, Mr. F. Baumgaertner, Mr. F. Browne, Mr. F. J. Bell, Mr. H. M. Betzer, Mr. T. B. Commins, Miss C. Chapman, Mr. F. Christie, Mr. P. Collinet, Mr. G. Camillo, Mrs. F. Clarke, Mr. W. J. Goddard, Mrs. Garside, Miss I. Garside, Miss F. Garside, Master G. Garside, Mr. R. N. Halliday, Mr. J. Leech, Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. N. Lealy, Mr. H. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Leppard, Miss Nance Leppard, Mr. G. M. M'Lean, Mr. C. W. Milgate, Mr. M. Morena, Mr. J. Perez, Mrs. Middleton and infant, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Matthews, Mr. J. Philip, Mr. G. Porter, Mr. A. Rodios, Mr. A. Reid, Mr. H. Read, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, Mr. M. Stunis, Mr. A. Soman, Mr. G. Stephenson, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stanley and infant, Mr. G. Thomas, Mr. J. Timbs, Mrs. Tutty, Miss T. Tutty, Miss V. Tutty, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Warleigh and infant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson and infant; and also passengers from interstate ports.

THE ITINDA LEAVES CALCUTTA.

According to a cable received yesterday by Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., the British-India S.N. Company's steamer Itinda was despatched from Calcutta on Saturday last, 2nd inst., for Sydney, via Fremantle, Adelaide, and Melbourne.

THE BREIZ HUEL AT SUEZ.

The local agents for La Federation Maritime De Bretagne, Messrs. R. Towns and Co., were yesterday advised by cable of the arrival of the steamer Breiz Huel at Suez. She sailed from Sydney on Jan. 25, from Melbourne on Feb. 1, and from Albany on Feb. 7, with a full cargo of wool for Dunkirk and Antwerp.

THE GOWANBURN TO LOAD AT NEW YORK.

Yesterday a cable message was received by Mr. G. A. Parks, the Sydney representative of the United States and Australasia S.S. Company, stating that the steamer Gowanburn has been secured on charter, and will commence loading general cargo at New York on the 15th inst. for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports.

BURGERMEISTER HACHMANN TO TAKE THE NEW YORK BERTH.

According to a cablegram received yesterday by the local office of the United States and Australasia S.S. Company, the German steamer Burgermeister Hachmann, of 4315 tons, which was in port here some time ago, has been chartered to load general merchandise at New York for Australia. She will take the berth on April 15, and will load for Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane.

THE SALAMIS AT DURBAN.

The managing agents for the Aberdeen line, Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., were yesterday notified by cable of the arrival of the steamer Salamis at Durban on Tuesday last, 5th inst., en route from Sydney, bound to London. She sailed from this port on Feb. 2, and from Melbourne on Feb. 9. The Salamis is due at London on April 2.

THE PESHAWUR AT SUEZ.

The superintendent in Australia for the P. and O. Company, Mr. E. Trelawny, was yesterday advised by cable of the arrival of the new freight steamer Peshawur at Suez on Monday last. She sailed from Sydney on Jan. 30, from Melbourne on Feb. 3, and from Adelaide on Feb. 5, for London and the Continent.

THE WILCANNIA LEAVES LONDON.

According to a cablegram received yesterday by Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, managing agents for Lund's Blue Anchor Line, the steamer Wilcannia was despatched from London on Tuesday last, 5th inst., for Sydney, via ports. She is due at Capetown on 29th inst., and at Sydney on April 25.

SALE OF THE ERIN'S ISLE.

According to advices by yesterday's mail, the wooden barque Erin's Isle, 1646 tons register, built at St. John (N.B.), in 1877, sheathed with yellow metal in 1903, and copper fastened, carries about 2750 tons coal, dimensions 221ft 5in by 40ft 2in by 25ft 3in, and owned by Messrs. C. E. D. Wolf and Co., Liverpool, has been sold to Norwegians for about £1500. She is stated to have cost originally about £22,000.

THE EARL OF DUNMORE.

The management of the steel four-masted barque Earl of Dunmore, owned by the Sailing Ship Earl of Dunmore Company, Limited, and a well-known visitor to Sydney, has been transferred from Mr. J. D. Thompson, Glasgow, to Mr. J. Malcolm (Messrs. Howard, Houlder, and Partners, Limited), Glasgow. She is 2206 tons register, and was built by Messrs. Russell and Co., Greenock, in 1891.

BRODICK BAY CHANGES HANDS.

The iron barque Brodick Bay, of 753 tons register, which was built at Dumbarton in 1878 by Messrs. Birrell, Stenhouse, and Co., has been sold by Messrs. Trocchetto, Celentano, and Co., Piano-di-Sorrento, Italy, with delivery at Buenos Ayres, where she now lies. She changed hands in November, 1900, for about £4250.

NEW CHARTERS.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson have received advice as to the following new charters:—

Willson Eggets, bq, from Newcastle to Pisagua.

Geterbek, bq, from Newcastle to West Coast.

Samoena, sh, from Newcastle to West Coast.

Dunferline, 4-m bq, from Newcastle to San Francisco.

Montrose, bq, from Bunbury to London.

THE BAR HARBOURS.

The following reports were received yesterday from coastal harbours:—Cape Hawke, 8ft on bar, 6ft on crossing at high water, flow tide; Ballina, 13ft on bar, 12ft 6in on inside channel at high water; Manning Heads, 12ft on bar, 10ft 6in inside bar, with rise of tide, 6ft on inner channel; Camden Haven Heads, 7ft 6in on bar; Yamba, 16ft on bar, with 1ft rise, crossing 14ft 3in, with 1ft 6in rise; Bellinger, 8ft on bar; Lake Macquarie, 9ft on bar.

THE WINDSOR SIGNALLED.

The steamer Windsor, of 4071 tons, from the Far East, bound to Newcastle, signalled Cape Moreton at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

THE ATHENIC LEAVES CAPETOWN.

Last night a private cable message was received to the effect that the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's steamer Athenic sailed from Capetown on Saturday last, en route from London for New Zealand ports.

THE MATATUA AT LONDON.

The Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's liner Matatua, according to a private cable advice to hand yesterday, arrived at London on Monday last from New Zealand ports.

THE MAHENO FROM NEW ZEALAND.

The Union Company's turbine steamer Maheno, with a very large passenger list, arrived here at 6.10 yesterday morning, and left again during the course of the day for Newcastle. Captain Neville reports having sailed from Wellington at 7 p.m. on Saturday last, and encountered fresh NW winds and smooth seas until Monday, when strong SW winds and moderate seas were met with, these conditions lasting until arrival.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Arr: March 6, Arawatta, s, from Sydney; Scout, sch, from Maryborough.

ROCKHAMPTON (920 miles).—Dep: March 6, Konoowarra, s, for Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles.)—Dep: March 6, Wodonga, s, for Sydney.

CAPE MORETON (472 miles).—Passed: March 6, Oberhausen, s, north.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: March 6, Tyrian, s, from Townsville. Dep: March 6, Flinders, s, for Bundaberg; Devon, s, and Tyrian, s, both for Sydney.

BYRON BAY (245 miles).—Dep: March 5, Cavanba, s, at 8 p.m., for Sydney.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (231 miles).—Dep: March 6, Brundah, s, at 1.50 p.m., for Sydney.

CLARENCE HEADS (256 miles).—Dep: March 6, Kyogle, s, at 11.10 a.m., for Sydney.

BELLINGER (230 miles).—Arr: March 6, Burrawong, s, at noon, from Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223 miles).—Arr: March 6, Corra Lynn, s, at 11.50 a.m., from Sydney. March 6, Wave, ktch, Lansdowne, ktch, both barbound.

SOUTH-WEST ROCKS (209 miles).—Arr: March 6, Ramornie, s, at 11 a.m., from Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: March 6, Guthrie, s, at 1.20 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: March 5, Pyrmont, s, at 9 p.m., from Sydney.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: March 6, Myee, s, at 12.15 p.m., Aramac, s, at 3.10 p.m., Nymboida, s, at 3.18 p.m., Noorebar, s, at 3.45 p.m., Tomki, s, at 5 p.m., Allinga, s, at 6.25 p.m., all north; Cavanba, s, at 3.45 p.m., Marloo, s, at 4.25 p.m., both south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159 miles).—Arr: March 6, Ellerslie, s, at 11.15 a.m., from Sydney. March 6, Louisa Messell, sch, barbound owing to insufficiency of water.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: March 6, Duroby, s, at 6.10 p.m., Trilby, s, at 6.35 p.m., both north; a ketch at 8.15 a.m., Pyrmont, s, at 3.30 p.m., Cavanba, s, at 5.50 p.m., a large steamer with yellow funnel, with black top, at 6.15 p.m., all south.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Dep: March 6, Kincumber, s, at 1.20 p.m., for Newcastle.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Arr: March 6, Bellinger, s, at 11 a.m., from Sydney.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: March 6, Tarshaw, s, at 11.40 a.m., Sophia Ann, at 3.45 p.m. Passed: March 6, Rosedale, s, at 6 a.m., like Aleda, sch, at 8.10 a.m., Cooloon, s, at 9.15 a.m., a topsail sch at 5.50 p.m., Wyoming, s, at 6 p.m., Willinga, sch, at 9.30 a.m., Williams, s, at 3.45 p.m., City of Grafton, s, at 3.45 p.m., Myall, s, at 5.50 p.m., all south; one of German steamers at 5.50 p.m., north.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: March 6, Noorebar, s, Newcastle, s, Marjorie Craig, bq, Wyoming, s, Tarshaw, s, Alice, s, Maheno, s, Wallsend, s, Karori, s, all from Sydney; Komura, s, from Melbourne; Glaucus, s, from Melbourne Williams, s, from Port Stephens; Rosedale, s, from north. Dep: Mch. 6, Tarcoola, s, for Fremantle, Age, s, for Melbourne, Era, s, for Port Pirie; Beagle, s, Jupiter, dredge, Tethys, dredge, Galatea, Government tug, Rosedale, s, Alice, s, all for Sydney; Noorebar, s, for Byron Bay; Tarshaw, s, for Nelson's Bay; Wyoming, s, for north.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48 miles).—Arr: March 6, Federal, s, at 9 a.m., from Sydney.

NORAH HEAD.—Passed: March 6, Port, dredge, and like Galatea, tug, at 10.30 a.m., south.

SOUTH HEAD (4 miles).—Passed: March 6, Glaucus, s, at 1 p.m., north.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Arr: March 6, Palmerston, s, at noon, from Sydney. Dep: March 6, Illaroo, s, at 4 a.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA (59 miles).—Arr: March 6, Resolute, s, at noon, Allowrie, s, at 8 a.m., Kiama, s, at 4.40 p.m. Dep: March 6, Resolute, s, at 4.30 p.m., Kiama, s, at 6 p.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Arr: March 6, Peterborough, s, at 9.5 a.m., from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: March 6, Allowrie, s, at 1.5 p.m., Barrabool, s, at 3.10 p.m., Era, s, at 4 p.m., Age, s, at 5 p.m., all south.

BERMAGUI (160 miles).—Dep: March 6, Eden, s, at 6.15 p.m., for Sydney.

GABO (238 miles).—Passed: March 6, Taiyuan, s, at 7.3 a.m., Pocahontas, s, at 11.45 a.m., Wyandra, s, at 12.14 p.m., a German steamer at 1.52 p.m., all west; Westralia, s, at 3.45 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (428 miles).—Passed outward: A steamer, at 4.35 a.m.; Fortunatus, s, at 5.5 a.m.; Norkoowa, s, at 5.20 p.m.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: March 6, Ophir, R.M.S., from London; Chillagoe, s, and New Guinea, s, both from Newcastle; Monaro, s, from Adelaide; Loongana, s, from Launceston. Dep: March 6, Bremen, G.M.S., for Bremen; Monowai, s, for Hobart; Loongana, s, for Launceston; Peregrine, s, for Townsville; Ophir, R.M.S., for Brisbane, via Sydney; Kanowna, s, Pilbarra, s, and Sydney, s, all for Fremantle; H.I.G.M.S. Condor, for Sydney; Miltiades, s, for Sydney.

HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: March 6, Yambacoona, s, at 7.15 a.m., from Melbourne. Dep: March 6, Persic, s, at 5.30 a.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: March 6, Pass of Leny, bq, from Capetown. Dep: March 6, Imperator Alexander, Russian ship, for the United Kingdom; Reichenbach, s, for Hamburg.

WALLAROO.—Dep: March 6, Orealla, sh, for the United Kingdom.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Dep: March 6, Augsburg, s, for Antwerp. Passed: March 6, Moldavia, R.M.S., east.

FREMANTLE (2466 miles).—Arr: March 5, Manica, s, at 7.10 p.m., from the eastern States. March 6, Dumbea, F.M.S., from the eastern States. Dep: March 5, Dilkera, s, at 7.50 p.m., Coolgardie, s, at 7.15 p.m., Moldavia, R.M.S., at 7.15 p.m., Bulow, G.M.S., at 2.45 p.m., all for the eastern States. March 6, Yongala, s, at 12.20 p.m., for the eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles.)—Arr: March 6, Mooraki, s, from Sydney.

PICTON (1216 miles).—Arr: March 6, Waipori, s, from Newcastle.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Eden.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Hobart (direct).—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Macleay River.—Hastings, 11 a.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Nauru (Pleasant Island), Ocean Island, Tarawa, and Butaritari (Gilbert Island), Jaluit (Marshall Islands), Caroline and Mariane Islands.—Germania, 2 p.m.
Auckland, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Ayrshire, 2 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 4 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Pyrmont, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Bremen, 5.30 p.m.
G.M.S. Bremen (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Pilbarra, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Newton Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orion, 7 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Rosedale, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Manila (P.I.), via Newcastle.—Visigoth, 6 a.m.
Noumea, via Newcastle.—St. Louis, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Melbourne.—R.M.S. Orotava, 10 a.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Burrawong, 11 a.m.
Wellington, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Maheno, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Tongariro, noon.
Macleay River and Byron Bay, via Newcastle.—Cavanba, noon.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawk, s, 1 p.m.
Macleay River.—Ramornie, 3 p.m.
Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Grantala, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.
Shortland Islands, Solomon Islands, Port Moresby, and British New Guinea Ports, Samarai and Hall Sound, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Malaita, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Hobart (direct).—Westralia, 11 a.m.
Auckland, N.Z., Samoa, Navigators Islands, Honolulu, U.S. of America, Canada, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, Continent of Europe.—Oceanic S.S. Sierra, 11 a.m. Except for letters placed in the foreign receiver, G.P.O., which may be posted for inclusion in the mail up to 11.30 a.m. without late fee.
Chili and Peru.—Oceanic S.S. Sierra, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 1 p.m.
Cooktown, Thursday Island, and Gulf Ports, via Brisbane.—Marama, 3.45 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, 1 p.m.
New Britain, German New Guinea, Manila (P.I.), Hongkong, and Japan, via Brisbane.—Manila, 3.45 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Orotava, 5.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Orotava (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Orotava, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, etc. (N.Z.), via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Hobart, via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Nymboida, 8 p.m.
Coff's Harbour, Coff's Harbour Jetty, and Byron Bay.—Noorebar, 9 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 48 years, 48.690.
Average for 49 years, from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 8.155.
Total rainfall from Jan. 1, 1907, to March 6, 6.391.
Total for corresponding period last year, 2.941.
Temperatures: Maximum, 77, minimum, 62.1; 9 p.m., 68.
Barometer: 9 a.m., 29.944; 3 p.m., 29.929; 9 p.m., 29.965.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 55; 3 p.m., 77, 9 p.m., 82.
Wind: Greatest velocity, 14 miles per hour.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.84; Geraldton, 29.91; Perth, 30.02; Esperance Bay, 30.11; Eucla, 30.04; Streaky Bay, 30.06; Adelaide, 30.08; Robe, 30.02; Portland, 29.95; Melbourne, 30.02; Wilson's Promontory, 29.97; Gabo Island, 29.85; Cape St. George, 29.91; Newcastle, 29.97; Port Macquarie, 30.01; Clarence Heads, 29.95; Brisbane, 29.93; Rockhampton, 30.00; Mackay, 29.97; Cooktown, 29.93.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Adelong 10 points, Albury 30, Bateman's Bay 10, Bodalla 2, Bombala 15, Candelo 35, Delegate 20, Eden 150, Gabo Island 10, Kiandra 9, Tumberumba 6, Tumut 10.

SCOPE OF RAINFALL.

New South Wales.—Light to moderate on coast and high winds south of Jervis Bay.

Victoria.—Light over the southern district and ranges, especially in south-east.

Western Australia.—Light and scattered, with thunderstorms in the tropics.

Queensland.—Light to heavy in extreme north.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Warm to hot conditions ranged generally during the day, although close and muggy in coastal parts; light to moderate rainfall associated with thunderstorms resulted at only a few places on coast and highlands south of Jervis Bay; during the night a cool southerly change extended to all coastal parts, reaching the extreme north before 9 a.m. to-day.

Victoria.—Fine generally, but cloudy over southern districts.

Tasmania.—Fine with scattered clouds.

South Australia.—Fine throughout, cloudy in coastal parts.

Western Australia.—Unsettled in tropics, cloudy in extreme south-west and south, fine elsewhere.

Queensland.—Fine but scattered clouds.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers on Wednesday were as follow:—Albury 10in, Balranald 10in, Bingara nil, Boggabilla 1ft 5in, Booligal 3ft 7in, Bourke 5ft 11in, f; Brewarrina 5ft 3in, Condobolin 1ft 8in, Cowra 1ft 1in, Dubbo 2ft 5in, Euabalong 1ft 8in, f; Euston 7ft 6in, Goodooga, low, Gundagai below summer level, Gunnedah low, Hay 2ft 6in, f; Hillston 2ft 6in, f; Kunopia low, Louth 9ft 7in, f; Manilla low, Menindie 17ft 1in, Moama 8ft 7in, Mogil Mogil 2ft 9in, f; Moulamein 8in, Mungindi 6ft 9in, f; Narrandera 6ft 7in, f; Pooncarie 18ft 1in, Tilpa 16ft 7in, f; Tocumwal 8ft 6in, Wagga 1ft 7in, Wentworth 8ft 2in, Wilcannia 13ft, f; Yetman 1ft, f; Barwon River, at Walgett, 8ft 4in, f; Namoi River, at Walgett, 3ft 6in, r.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling.

COASTAL WEATHER REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, SSE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, SSE, cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, SE, light, fine, sea slight; Manning Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, ESE, light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, ESE, mod., fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads (6 p.m.), E, light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay (6 p.m.), E, light, fine, sea slight; Barranjoey, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, ENE, light, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, E, light, fine, sea slight; Jervis Bay, SE, mod., fine, sea moderate; Moruya, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, SE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, interrupted; Gabo Island, SW, light, cloudy, hazy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and pleasant; scattered thunderstorms near northern border; southerly winds chiefly; coastal sea breezes during day time.—A. Noble.

Victoria.—Fine, light, variable winds inland, fresh westerly to south-westerly winds along coast, with moderate sea. P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Fine, with light and variable winds, chiefly northerly. R. F. Griffiths.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 7.

Sun rises at 5.47, sets at 6.25; Moon, 11.31 p.m., 12.30 p.m.; Mercury, 7.7 a.m., 6.57 p.m.; Venus, 2.13 a.m., 4.5 p.m.; Mars, 10.54 p.m., 1.10 p.m.; Jupiter, 2.8 p.m., 12.4 a.m.; Saturn, 5.58 a.m., 6.37 p.m.

New Moon March 14; Full Moon, March 30.

High water at Fort Denison, 1.22 a.m., 1.57 p.m.

SMOKING IN RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 26th ult. appears a letter signed "Non-smoker," complaining bitterly of the prevalence of smoking in non-smoking carriages on the railways. I can endorse every word written by "Non-smoker."

I have occasion to travel a good deal by rail, and would willingly pay an extra ten shillings each journey if I could secure a non-smoking carriage. My experience is that there is no such carriage running beyond the suburbs of Sydney. Smoke is very obnoxious to me, especially in a small compartment, yet, although I have always travelled in a carriage supposed to be non-smoking I have always found that the non-smoker was the small minority, and if any objection is made the objector is at once a black sheep, and everything made as disagreeable for him as possible. The presence of ladies in the carriage does not appear to have the slightest effect. I am, etc.,

NON-SMOKER NO. 2.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A larger amount of business than usual was carried through on 'Change yesterday, but prices did not vary at all in cases where actual business was effected. Buyers offered 6d more for Queensland National Bank shares, 6d more for Howard Smith Co. (20s paid), 3d more for Wickham and Bullock Island coal, 3d more for Toohey's Brewery, 1s more for Australian News, and 6d more for Broken Hill Water Supply. Quotations were in no case lower.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: A.J.S. Bank inscribed, 13s 4½d; Australian Gas, £18 15s; Colonial Sugar, £42 5s; Union Bank, £60. Afternoon: Bellambi Coal, 49s; Bank of New South Wales, terms 5 weeks, £50; Bellambi Coal, 49s 6d.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital Paid up.	Amount of Shares	Shares Paid Up	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
F. STOCK.					£	£	£	p.c.
N.S.W. F.S. due 1912	4,006,702	...	...	3	99	...	00	...
Do. due 1912	1,250,175	...	...	3½	100	...	99¾	3¾
Do. due 1912	2,549,350	...	...	4	101½	101	...	3½
Do. due 1924-5	...	...	...	3	92	90	...	3¾
...	...	...	...	3½	100½	...	99½	3½
Do., due 1915	480,159	...	...	4	107	105	...	3¾
Do., Act 1873								
Do. 4p.c. due 1/9/07	550,000	...	...	4	100½	100	...	3¾
...	...	...	...	...	100½	100	...	4
Do., due 1909	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4
Do., Deb. 1908								
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,109,700	...	...	3½	100	99½	...	3¾
Ditto	903,000	...	...	4	100½	100	...	3¾
N.Z. do., 1909	800,000	...	...	4	104	101	...	3¾
N.Z. Deb., 1913	...	...	...	4	...	...	102	...
Do., 1922	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	...
Queens. deb., 1918	...	...	...	4	99¾	100	...	4
Do., Tr. Bills	500,000	...	...	4	102	102	...	3¾
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	101/1/6	...	100½	3¾
Austrln. Gas Deb., 1922	300,000	...	...	4	102	100	...	3¾
City Sydney Deb.	200,000	...	...	4	102	102	...	3¾
Do., 1928	100,000	...	...	4	102	103	...	3¾
Col. Sugar D. 1914	...	...	...	5	108	105	...	4½
Chil'Pres. deb.	...	...	...	...	...	88	...	...
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	154,528	8½	1	...	...	...	...	...
—	1,600,000	40	40	12	101½	101	...	4½
Aust'lasia	240,000	10	8	2½	71/6	...	72/6	5½
City	160,000	10	8	2½	68/6	...	70/	5½
New Commercial	94,982	10/	10/	...	16/9	...	15/9	...
of Aust.	2,117,290	10	10	5	6/11/3	6½/	6/9	4½
Ditto, pref.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	32½	32½	...	3¾
Com. Syd.	1,192,440	8	5	4	95/	95/	102/6	...
N. of Aust.	306,780	10	10	5	11/3/	11½	...	4
Ditto, pref.	2,000,000	20	20	10	50	50	50½	4
N.S.W.	427,319	6?	5½	5	8/12/6	9¼	10	...
N. Zealand	100,000	7	2	2½	21/	21/	...	4½
N. Queensl'd	418,163	5	5	...	17/6	20/	...	...
Q'sland Nat.	457,618	9	6½	3½	95/net	...	99/	4½
Roy'l of Q.	1,500,000	75	25	12	60	60	61	5
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class B	...	...	...	?	16/	15/3	16/	4½
Class B, 1917	...	...	...	...	18/	18/	14/	...
Do., Insc.	788,033	...	...	3½	13/4½	13/	14/	4
Com. of Aus. Assets	3,334,906	...	...	5	17/	17/	...	4
E.S.A. Insc.	889,419	...	...	3	13/3	13/	...	4½
pref.	808,758	...	...	4½	9	18/6	...	5¾
Do. Def.	983,547	...	...	...	18/10	18/6	19/6	4½
Do. Deb.	3,116,621	...	...	8½	17/3	17/	17/9	4½
Q. Nat.								
STEAM.								
Pal. Ferry	30,000	1	1	20	48/	48/	41/	4½
Illawarra	49,797	1	15/	7	23/	24/	25	4½
How'd Smith 20s paid	250,000	20/	20/	10/	34/6	24/3	34/6	5½
Do., 5s pd	...	...	...	...	7/	15/	...	4½
Pref., 20s paid	...	20/	20/	5	20/8	20/8	...	4½
Ditto, 5s pd	...	...	...	...	5/6	6/6	...	4½
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	24/	24/	...	5
Nth. Coast	131,250	1	17/6	6	26/	26/3	26/	5½
Do., new	...	...	15/	...	...	2/3	23	...
Syd. Ferries	100,000	1	1	10	32/	...	27/6	3½
Ditto, new	...	1	10/	...	32/4	32 6	33/	...
Pt. Jackson	25,000	20	20/	20	26/	26/	...	5½
Ditto, deb.	8,745	1	1	5	20/	22/	...	5½
INSUR'NCE								
A.M. Fire	62,800	1	12/6	14	48/	42/	44/	4½
Mer. Mut.	45,000	1	6/	12	17/9	17/9	18/	4½
New Zealand	250,000	10	2	15	80/	81/	...	7½
N. Q'sland	50,000	1	10/	5	20/	...	20/	4
United	85,402	...	2½	12	6	...	...	5¼
Col. Mut. Fire	100,000	...	20/	20	48/9	45/	...	9
COAL.								
Bellambi	175,000	1	1	20	49/6	49/	50/	4½
East Greta	180,000	1	1	5	24/	...	24/	4½
South Greta	9,000	10/	10/	...	9/	9/	10/	...
Ditto con.	16,000	10/	6/	...	6/	6/	...	...
Hetn's Greta	42,550	1	1	...	...	8/	7/2	...
Hetton	133,665	5	5	6	88/	80/	40/	17½
Newcastle	300,000	11	10	...	9/6/	...	9	33
Stockton	60,431	3	1	4	4/	8/	4/	7½
New	...	...	16/	4	1/net	...	2d	...
V. of C'f'd	30,000	1	1	10	30/	...	30/6	6
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	+20/	24¼	23	23¾	7½
Waratah	...	...	...	1/	7/	6/	...	9
Wickham & Bullock Is.	104,045	1	1	...	8/3	8/3	...	...
Bay	...	1	18/	...	8/	8/3	...	...
Preferential	...	1	20/	...	...	...	...	...
North Bulli	300,000	...	20/	...	12/6	10/	13/	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	22/	21/	19	5½
Australian	780,000	6	6	13	18½	18½	11½	4½
Ditto, New	...	6	3	13	10½	11	14/6	4
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/9	...	6½/	5½
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	27 6	...	...	5¼
Grafton	8,000	1	1	2	30/4½	30/	...	...
Katoomba & Leura, paid	7,734	1	20/	...	19/	19/3	21/	...
Maitland	15,500	5	5	7	...	6¾	...	5¼
Manly	10,000	1	1	8	31/	31/6	...	5¼
Ditto, New	7,500	1	15/	8	28 6	27/	...	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	20/	21/	25/	7
Newcastle	45,000	5	2	15	6½	6½	...	4½
Nth. Shore	150,000	1	1	7	40/	39/6	...	3½
BREW'RIES.								
C. & Wood Pros.	250,000	1	1	4	11/4½	11/	...	8
Perkins'	100,000	15/	15/	22½	30/9	...	29/	9¼
Toohey's Ltd	400,000	16/	16/	8	11/3	10/9	11/	7½
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	32/9	33/9	...	5
MISCEL'N'S								
Aaron's	17,500	15/	10/	5	2/	1/6	2/	22
Aust. News	40,000	1	1	...	16/	18/	20/	...
B.H.W. Sup.	285,000	1	1	4/6	19/3	13/6	21/	8½
Burns, Philp	20,000	1	1	...	20/6	20/6	...	5½
New Issue	35,000	1	10/	7	20/	19/	20 6	4
Brooks & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	19/	22/	...
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	20/	22/	...
Col. Sugar	3,095,290	20	20	10	42½	42½	42½	4½
Dalgety and Co.	1,000,000	20	5	7	6½	6½	...	5½
DunlopPneu. Tyre, pref	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	20/	...	7½
Emu B. Rail.	...	...	...	...	4/10½	4/9	...	...
Ditto pref.	...	...	...	...	...	12/9	...	...
Emu & Pros. Gravel	27,200	1	16	7	6/9	7/	8/	16½
Goodlet & Smith Lt	165,800	15/	15/	6	14/	...	16/	6½
Mel. Trms.	480,000	1	10	12½	28/6	34/	...	4½
M. de Piete	74,519	1	1	10	30/6	3½/	40/	5½
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	6	16/9	15/6	17/	7½
Ditto, pref.	45,361	1	1	7	21/6	21/	...	6½
N. Food, Ice	91,730	12/	10/	8	15/	15/	15/6	5½
Pym. Trst.	25,000	5	2/6	10	5/3	5/3	5/3	4½
Perp. Tst.	25,000	10	5/	10	12/6	12/9	...	3¾
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	13/	13/9	...	7½
Shale & Oil	...	...	...	...	1/1	...	...	...
Silv. Tram	197,806	1	1	20	101/6	98/	102/6	4
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	6	12½	12	...	4½
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	35/	32/	34/	5½
Tattersall	37,500	1	10/	10	16/	15/6	16/3	6¼
Ditto Hyd. & G.E.	22,500	1	15/	15	22 6	20/	30/	7½
Syd. Cyclorama	30,000	1	20/	...	...	14/	17/	...
Vol. LandOr.	15,000	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	41/	40/	...	4½
W. M. Hall	6,000	...	20/	...	...	1/	...	...
Ditto, pref.	2,709	...	20	...	...	16/	...	...
Hotel Metropole	75,000	...	20/	6	21/3	20/	...	5½
Ditto, pref.	17,507	...	20/	6	...	20/	...	...
Zinc Corp'atn	800,00	1	20/	...	...	...	...	...
Q'sl'nd Meat Ex. & Agency	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, new	...	...	...	...	12/	...	...	...
Paul & Gray	66,682	1	20/	...	22 9	23/	25/	...
Pitt, Son, & B	50,000	1	10/	...	...	...	...	...
LAND & BD.								
Com. B. & I.	...	...	...	...	2/6	2/	...	...
Fuscis, Dep.	...	...	...	...	9/	...	...	...
B'mktShares	...	...	...	...	...	21/	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,580	20	...	6	19	20	...	...
Interc. Inves.	27,985	1	15/	10	21/	...	20/	4½
Perp. B. & I.	...	1	...	6	18/	...	...	...
Syd. Free L.	17,500	7/	...	...	4/6	...	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly dividend. † Per share. ‡‡ Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Perth Gas, 50s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3½ per cent. Stock, £100; City of Wellington 4 per cent., £100; Commercial Bank, 16s 9d; ditto, London register, £6 5s; Metropolitan Gas, £10 8s; Melbourne Tram, £8 1½d, 33s 3d; Silverton Tram, 99s 6d; Hotel Metropole, 20s; Kauri Timber, 8s 6d.

FINANCIAL.

IS A FALL IN METALS IMMINENT?

We have already expressed the opinion that the increased production of gold in the world is largely—we do not say solely—responsible for the general advance in prices. In this opinion we do not stand alone. Many of the world's leading financial authorities might be quoted in support of this contention. It is not every authority, however, that has put the matter so concisely as the Hoyt Metal Company, of St. Louis, one of the leading metal firms of the United States. Certainly this authority does not carry the argument further than it applies to metals. In a circular addressed to its clients dated January 2 this firm contends that the factor which is chiefly responsible for the present high prices for the base metals is the great increase in gold production and the gold coin in use in the world. As gold is the only metal of fixed value, its rise and fall can only be expressed relatively. Bearing in mind that, in spite of its fixed value, it must inevitably be affected by the law of supply and demand, the following figures are considered by the Hoyt Company to be not only interesting but important, as showing that much of the "seeming advance" in metals, labour, and commodities is in reality only a decline in gold value due to the largely increased amount in circulation:—

Total gold production, 1492-1889 inclusive (world)	£1,760,000,000
Total gold production, 1890-1906 inclusive (world)	840,000,000
Average annual production (world), decade ending 1860	26,600,000
Average annual production (world), decade ending 1870	24,000,000
Average annual production (world), decade ending 1880	22,000,000
Average annual production (world), decade ending 1890	21,200,000
World's production in year 1890	24,800,000
World's production in year 1900	52,000,000
World's production in year 1905	75,800,000
World's production in year 1906, estimated at over	80,000,000
Gold coin in use in the world, January 1, 1890	760,000,000
Gold coin in use in the world, January 1, 1907	1,180,000,000

The International Monetary Commission placed the amount of gold in use in the world in January, 1904, at £1,080,000,000, and the figures for 1890 and 1907 in the above table are arrived at by adding to or subtracting from the figure for 1904 one-half of the world's output—it is generally assumed that 45 per cent. to 55 per cent. of the output goes into coinage, the balance being consumed in the arts. As to the construction to be placed on these figures, the Hoyt Company say:—

It would seem to be logical to assume from the above figures that at least 50 per cent. of the advance which has taken place in nearly all metals and commodities during the past 10 or 15 years (see "Bradstreet's" and "Dun Statistics") is not really an advance at all, but a proportionate adjustment to the increased supply, and therefore decreased value or purchasing power, of gold. The adjustment is necessarily slow.

It goes without saying that individual commodities are affected by unusual individual conditions; but the fact that the advance applies to almost all commodities, that it is world wide, and that it is closely in line in percentage of advance with the percentage of increase in gold coin, would indicate that little is to be feared from shrinkage in values until the world's output of gold shows a tendency to decline.

All indications point to an increased gold output in 1907, and a maintenance of at least present prices must be expected, with chances for advance in metals far greater than possibilities of decline.

With this view we are in entire agreement.

STANDARD OIL TRUST METHODS.

The world's most noteworthy trust is the Standard Oil Company. Its ramifications are world-wide in extent. Australia comes within its grasp, and for years the bulk of the kerosene sold in these markets has been the product of the Trust. A few years ago merchants used to import and distribute this oil as they chose. Now the Trust, under the name of a subsidiary company, does all its own importing and first distribution, binding its customers under the "rebate" system to so-called "loyalty." In the United States the Trust has of late been subject to inquisitorial searchings. The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the relations of common carriers to oil production and distribution deals severely with the Standard Oil Company. The report declares that the ruin of its competitors has been a distinct part of its policy in the past, and that that aim has been systematically pursued. The company, the report alleges, organised a perfect espionage on shipments of competitors, thus learning the destination of every car of oil leaving the refinery of an independent establishment, and the Standard agent at the point of destination was held responsible if any of the oil from the independent manufacturer were sold. The celebrated pipe line of the Standard Company is declared to be not of natural but rather an artificial advantage, inasmuch as competitors have been unable to lay down similar lines owing to opposition on the part of the railways which control the right of way. The Commission fails to find that any railway is now interested in oil production, but the railway traffic arrangements are more or less permeated with discriminatory rates in favour of the Standard Company, and concludes by declaring that it may be necessary for the Government to fix rates and regulations for such traffic.

WHY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SLEEPS.

"A Chamber of Commerce Councillor" writes:—"What you say in regard to our body has been noted. If a member of the chamber complains of the inactivity of the council of which I am a member, all I can say is that the general members themselves are largely to blame. We fear to call them together even to discuss important matters, lest they should not attend, and thus weaken, instead of strengthening, our hands. I remember a former president making an enthusiastic endeavour to enlist the sympathy and attention of the general body of members, and going so far as to provide beer and cigars as an attraction. Even this did not secure a muster. Before you allow any member to throw stones first let him, etc., etc. . . . In all seriousness, however, the chamber could do a lot more than it does, and it will become a much more powerful body than it is when the general members take more interest in the organisation of which they are units."

SHARP PRACTICE AT THE CUSTOMS-HOUSE.

Merchants who have dealings with the Customs-house well know the practice of the department where it has been discovered that short payments of duty have been inadvertently made. In such cases the department demands nothing less than immediate payment. But no provision is made for an equally decisive settlement of cases of a reverse nature. Merchants are just as liable to over-pay as to short-pay, and the Customs officers are just as likely when they are checking over the invoices to discover the one as the other class of error. Years ago it was the practice of the department under such circumstances to immediately inform the merchant, and to equally promptly make a refund. Now if a merchant does not himself discover his mistake and make an application for a refund he has little prospect of ever hearing any more of the matter. A reversion to the former practice would be in the public interest.

INFORMATION "LEAKING OUT."

Other details of Customs administration are on all fours with that in respect of the non-payment of legitimate refunds. Right through there is a secretiveness that is totally out of place in a Government department. Most of the orders are issued "for information of officers only." The undercurrent behind all the actions of this department of federal activity is to assist the officers to the fullest extent to extract the last farthing from the public, and to give the public as little information as possible that might tend to enable them to alleviate the tax. Sometimes, of course, information "leaks out," as it is officially put, and then the public gets to know as much as the tax-gatherer, and this, from an official point of view, is regarded as a bad thing. We had an illustration of this the other day. Importers, not knowing what trouble they might be put to with their bonded stocks of brandy when the Commerce Act regulations came into full force after March 1, freely paid duty in advance of their immediate requirements. Though the department knew that it had agreed to allow Hennessy's to go through without trouble, yet not one word was uttered, and holders were allowed to go on paying duty till the last minute, when a word would have put an end to their troubles. The Customs Department, however, does not seem to imagine that it is part of its duty to inform or assist the public. Its sole duty seems to be to see that taxation is not evaded. We learn that a quantity of brandy, whisky, gin, Old Tom, and schnapps have been "stuck up" by the Customs authorities in a North Queensland port, thus showing that the vaunted uniformity of practice throughout the Commonwealth is a mere name.

KILLING THE COMMERCE ACT.

That the Commerce Act and its regulations have within them some germs of good we thoroughly believe. Where they are calculated to impede the operations of the commercial thief, or to reduce the business of the vendor of poisonous concoctions under the veil of cure-alls, they deserve the hearty support of every citizen. But surely there is no way in which all that is good as well as all that is bad in the Act can be more effectively killed than by maladministration. Take such a case as that which arose quite recently. An importer tried for some time ineffectively to get delivery of some wine branded on the cask "Spanish port." According to the official mind, this wine should have been branded "Port; made in Spain." After some days' delay, however, the department allowed the importer to take delivery of his wine. It is actions such as these that disgust traders, and bring what might be made a useful measure into disrepute.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF MUNICIPALITIES.

During the past two years English ratepayers have come to regard with growing disfavour the municipal management of tramways and other industrial enterprises on account of the rapid increase of the municipal expenses and debts directly incurred by them. Already in 1902 the sum total of these local debts, which amounted to £407,000,000, or about half the National Debt of the United Kingdom, was felt to be excessively high, and the annual increase of these local debts, at that time estimated at £19,000,000, was considered to be nothing less than municipal extravagance. In Germany, also, at the beginning of 1906, the demands for money on the part of town and district councils were felt to be extraordinarily large. The big banks and lending institutions have drawn the attention of administrative bodies to the fact that the general interests of the public call for more moderation in this respect. Furthermore, at the end of May last, acting under the influence of the Prussian State Bank, they arrived at the decision to no longer advance money for municipal loans at the rate of 3½ per cent., and thus to compel corporations in all future enterprises to reckon on having to pay a return of 4 per cent. at least. This decision was in no sense due to any doubt as to the ability of the corporations to maintain their previous high credit. In spite of this action of the banks and other lending institutions, one of the cities affected by it, viz., Frankfort-on-the-Maine, proved at once that it was able to negotiate in New York a loan of 15 million marks at 3½ per cent. interest. In the light of the economic situation in general, however, this swift action on the part of the Municipal Loan Committee seemed rather unduly hasty. This view of the matter is readily explained by a survey of the most recent development of municipal finance in the leading countries of Europe. In Great Britain and in Prussia the expenditure on the part of local corporations during a period of 20 years, from 1883 to 1902, has more than doubled. In Great Britain the sum total rose from £63,150,000 to £152,150,000, and in Prussia from £24,100,000 to £57,600,000, whilst in France the increase was much more moderate, the expenditure rising from £53,300,000 in 1883 to £56,400,000 in 1902. This difference is, for the greater part, owing to the fact that during this interval of 20 years the population of England and of Prussia has largely increased, whilst that of France has been at a standstill.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE FURTHER CONSIDERED.

When this advance in expenditure is reckoned per head of the population the result for Great Britain is an increase from 35.62s to 72.53s per head, for Prussia from 17.38s to 31.43s; whilst France, on the other hand, shows the slight decrease of from 27.88s to 28.96s per head. The principal reason why the towns and departments of France come behind those of England and Prussia in the matter of increase of expenditure is that in France, owing to the traditional concentration of the administration, the cost of education is borne by the Government exchequer, and that the profitable municipal institutions which bring in a good return in the form of interest, such as the gas and water services, the tramways, and the fire insurance, are in the hands of private companies; whereas in England and in Prussia they are responsible for one-half of the municipal expenditure. In spite of this, however, municipal debts in Prussia are still somewhat less than those in France. In England the municipal debts amount to 224.66s per head of the population, as compared with 85.56s per head in France. The outcome of these statistical investigations is that the condition of municipal finances in Prussia is much more favourable than that in France, and specially than that in England, although the public activity of Prussian municipalities is more comprehensive, particularly as regards schools and hospitals, than the English and French. The extraordinary activity of the Berlin civic authorities has been described in eulogistic terms by the British Commission which came over last autumn for the purpose of studying German municipal administration. When, however, we turn over to the accounts of Berlin and its 16 suburbs, and compare them with those of London and Paris, we find that the municipal debts of the former only amount to 175.6s per head of the population, whilst those of London reach 294.9s and those of Paris 752.8s per head. The financial condition of the Prussian towns, which, according to the preceding comparison, is extremely satisfactory, must be attributed principally to the fact that their system of independent administration dates from the year 1808, whilst that of England was only partially introduced after the Reform Bill of 1835, and that of France not before 1875. The Prussian towns have thus in their possession old standing properties, the value of which has multiplied itself in the course of time; whereas the British municipalities were from the very first dependent for their income on the rates, and those of France have been deprived to a large extent of their rating powers by the State, which has absorbed these for its own purposes.

LOCAL WOOL SALES.

At the mid-week's sales three catalogues, totalling 5552 bales, were submitted to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was as keen as ever, and prices for all good descriptions of wools were satisfactorily maintained. Faulty kinds, however, had irregular attention, and were at times neglected. Scoured was heavily represented, and when fine and free sold at very strong rates. The highest prices obtained for greasy and scoured were 13d and 24½d respectively.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The steamer Empire, which left Sydney yesterday, took 14 boxes of gold coin of the value of £8608, the shippers being Chinese merchants, to Hongkong consignees.

The receipts of gold at the Royal Mint last month totalled 51,758 fine ounces, making 143,925 fine ounces since January 1.

A bill has been introduced into the United States Congress proposing a tax of 5 per cent. on the profits of foreign fire insurance companies trading in the country.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

AUSTRALIAN DEBENTURE STOCKS, ETC.

LONDON, March 5.

Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company 4 per cent. debenture stocks, unchanged at 101.

Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Company, 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 90.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures (1912-13), unchanged at 101.

Dalgety and Company, Limited, unchanged at 6¼.

Dalgety and Company, Limited, 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 101.

Metropolitan Gas Company (Melbourne), 4½ per cent., unchanged at 102.

Union Mortgage and Agency Company of Australia, Limited, 4½ per cent. debenture stock, unchanged at 61.

Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company, 4½ per cent. debentures, at 94.

COMMERCIAL.

A steady volume of business was reported in the import markets yesterday. Tea again sold well at the advanced prices. Distributing trade in groceries continued good, the demand for tinned fish, which had fallen away lately, showing improvement. There were plenty of inquiries on the market for wire netting. Sales of sheet lead were effected at slightly better rates, sheet and perforated zinc were quoted higher, and business was noted in tin sheets.

The anticipated advance of 10s per ton took place in whitelead yesterday. Oils were rather quiet. The jute market was firmer all round, but the business transacted was small. In wheat, holders' ideas of value were still higher than what buyers could afford to pay, consequently purchases were few and far between.

ROMAN LETTERS ON JAPANESE GOODS.

A month ago an order issued by the Customs explained that silk handkerchiefs made in Japan are imported bearing Roman letters, such as are used in the written languages of most European nations. "As such characters are not used in connection with the Japanese written language, it is necessary," says the order, "for Japanese goods bearing them to be marked with the name of the country of origin in conjunction therewith." Yesterday instructions were received by the Sydney Customs that the operation of this order had been suspended until further notice.

FROZEN MEAT EXPORTS.

The exports of frozen meat from Sydney last week were small, comprising but 1000 carcases mutton for South Africa, 800 carcases mutton and 150 quarters beef for Manila, and 6 carcases mutton for Japan. From July 1 to March 2 shipments, according to the weekly Customs returns, were:—

	Mutton Carcases.	Beef Quarters and pcs.
U. K. and Continent	680,2?8	...
South Africa	229,911	4625
Port Said	10,271	851
Colombo	1,615	60
Mauritius	1,087	—
Gibraltar	2,301	709
Philippines	9,851	1179
Hongkong	1,608	142
Japan	256	...
Vladivostock	5,625	1216
Singapore, Java, etc.	6,742	391
Honolulu	5,621	534
Canada	21,636	50
Total	1,016,108	9750

THE POSSIBILITIES OF SOAP.

The maximum consumption of soap in a highly civilised nation, where the average man is well paid, has been put down at from 12lb to 15lb per head of the population per annum. These figures have only been reached in two countries, the United Kingdom and the United States, according to Messrs. Bigland, Sons, and Jeffreys, of Liverpool. Most likely the consumption in Australia, with its limited population, has not been taken into account. When the population of the world is considered and a computation entered upon, the present gigantic volume of trade in soap is therefore nothing to what it may become. The firm mentioned make the following interesting comments on the outlook:—

In Russia we estimate that the consumption of soap per head is only one-tenth of that of the United Kingdom, but on a population of 160 millions even 1½lb per head per annum means 107,143 tons of soap, and this industry, together with the candle trade, necessitates that Russia shall import about 20,000 tons of foreign tallow, 30,000 tons of copra, and 6000 tons of palm oil. If we allow ourselves to think of the possibilities that will follow upon Japan, China, and India requiring even the small amount now used in Russia, we find ourselves confronted with the fact that the sources of supply of soap fats are utterly inadequate to permit the manufacture of such quantities as might be called for. These countries, however, will be slow to advance, but other countries, such as the Argentine, Egypt, Italy, and our own colonies, are rapidly increasing, and France and Germany have, in our opinion, not nearly reached their maximum, so that we infer that even to supply the necessities of the requirements of 1907 will strain the sources of supply to the utmost. In the United States and Great Britain the price of soap to-day is not higher than it was on the average during the past four years, and therefore there will be no curtailment in consumption, unless a new plane of values is decided upon.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was a shade firmer, but buyers were only able to secure a few small parcels at odd places, for which 3s 1d to 3s 1½d per bushel Darling Harbour was paid. Holders generally were asking 3s 2d, and in many cases even higher rates, which, being considerably over present Mark Lane parity, no buyer would venture to give.

Flour had poor inquiry, business being chiefly of a distributing character, for which £7 10s was obtained for city brands, and £7 5s for country makes. At Darling Harbour yesterday 1908 tons wheat, and 68 tons flour, were manifested to arrive.

Comparison of Prices.—The following table shows the trend of values for wheat and its products since the inception of the season, and also gives a comparison with the prices ruling a year and two years ago:—

	Wheat. Per bus.	Flour. Per ton.	Bran. Per bus.	Pollard. Per bus.
	s d	£ s d	d	d
Yesterday	3 1½	7 10 0	8½	8½
Feb. 14	3 1½	7 10 0	8½	8½
Feb. 7	2 11½	7 2 6	9	9
Jan. 14	2 10½	7 0 0	8½	8½
Dec. 15	2 10½	7 7 6	7½	9
A year ago	3 1½	7 10 0	10	10
Two years ago	3 4½	8 5 0	8½	10½

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—The market continued fairly active, and with the hardening tendency unabated. Sales were noted of 100 packages Indians at 7d to 7½d, 50 Indians at 7½d to 9d, 150 Ceylons (for export) at 9d to 10½d, and 180 Ceylons at 9½d to 10½d per lb. Fraser, Usher, and Co., Ltd., will offer at auction at noon to-day, under instructions from Messrs. Parbury, Henty, and Co., 800 packages Ceylon, Indian, and China teas, as advertised.

The Trend of Tea Prices.—"Tea prices generally may be considered steady for some time to come," says the Calcutta "Englishman" of Feb. 7. "The real danger lies in the early months of next season. It has always happened in the past that a high market for common teas has proved a temptation to coarser plucking which growers have been unable to resist. At the present juncture this forms a danger to tea interests quite irrespective of the mere question of quantity, for the excellent quality of the teas produced in 1906 has undoubtedly done more for the trade than any movement of late years. Foreign buyers have thereby been induced to extend the range of their takings very largely, both here and in London. The nice teas that have been presented to them, have enabled them to use Indian in largely increased quantities, thus displacing Chinas. Although this movement has been general, sufficient time has not yet elapsed to get foreign consumers so inured to British-grown teas that they will have them even in the face of a falling off in style and quality. The reversion to China almost impossible in England is still a very easy possibility in non-British countries. The foreign demand in fact needs to be fed with teas equal in quality to those which have created it, and the production of larger quantities of tea from coarser leaf will result in a falling off of this demand, leaving a surplus over English requirements which will rapidly put us in the hands of the London buyers once more and a serious lowering of prices will be certain to result."

Groceries.—Trade under this heading, while steady, was without feature. After a lull the demand for herrings showed signs of improvement. Mail advices report advances of ½d per lb in stearine, and of 1d in sperma, paraffin and wax candles made by the Royal Candle Manufactory, Antwerp.

Chemicals.—Forty kegs citric acid were sold at 1s 9d per lb.

Metals.—Ten miles BBB 42 x 1¼ x 17 wire netting were placed at £37 10s per mile. Fencing wires were quiet, but unchanged. In tinplates another 75 boxes were taken at 16s 6d. Some holders were yesterday asking 16s 9d. Ten cases Globe G.C. iron, in short lengths, were sold at £18 10s. Four tons tin sheets changed hands at £36, and 10 tons sheet lead, which was firmer, at £24 10s per ton. An advance was advised in sheet zinc. For 12-gauge, which was very scarce, £40 was asked, with others quoted at up to £38. Perforated zinc was also higher, business being done at 3s 3d, with 3s 6d wanted in one or two places. A couple of hundred casks Anchor cement were taken for export at 8s 3d in bond.

Oils.—The local market yesterday responded to the 10s rise in whitelead cabled from London, and £32 per ton was quoted for Champion's in cwts, and £31 for Fergusson's. About 10 tons were bought before the advance on the lower basis. Linseed oil was unchanged, B. and S.'s raw selling at 3s 1d, and boiled at 3s 3d.

Jute.—Holders of jute goods appeared to be more hopeful of the future of the market. Cornsacks were quoted at firmer prices, viz., 6s 8d to 6s 9d, a little export business being done at the lower rate. Calcutta cables denoted an improvement on that side, sacks for next season's shipments being quoted from 6s 10½d to 7s 0½d c.i.f. In branbags 25 bales were sold at 5s 2d. Several buyers were wanting 5s 3d. Fifty bales woolpacks, fast ends, were taken for Queensland at 2s 8d. Calcutta "Capital" of February 7 states that "the mills in this district were furnished in the aggregate (the stocks being unequally held, of course) at the beginning of the first half of their present year with something like nearly five months' stock—that is, for most of them—up to the end of May next. Probably some of them are now wishing they had not bought so much, but, apart from value, the general position as regards quantity is a very comfortable one, hinting to them that they need be in no hurry to add to the quantity already purchased, but that they can now afford to pick up parcels quietly as it suits them, and all the more seeing that nothing has occurred to diminish the director's estimate of a 90 lakh crop being harvested by the end of June."

Butter Shipment.—The steamer Indraghiri, which sailed yesterday for London, took away 5880 boxes of butter. The shippers were:—Gibbs, Bright, and Co., 3752 boxes; G. S. Yuill and Co., 1048 boxes; Farmers and Settlers', 500 boxes; D. Gerrard, 50 boxes. The E. and A. liner Empire, which sailed yesterday for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports, had on board 1114 boxes of butter. The shippers of the various consignments making up this total were:—Australian Oriental Trading Co., 101 boxes; Prescott and Co., Ltd., 613; R. R. Wolf, 370; N.S.W. F. F. and I. Co., 30.

Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. will offer at auction this morning, on the premises, 300 Botany-street, Waterloo, the machinery, plant, leather, grindery, etc., in the assigned estate of Fletcher Bros., boot manufacturers. Particulars are advertised.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 197 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £12,982.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

The first series of the London colonial wool auctions for the year, which began on January 15, were concluded on January 30.

The quantities catalogued were:—

New South Wales	39,152 bales
Queensland	12,123 "
Victoria	28,712 "
South Australia	13,258 "
Western Australia	14,885 "
Tasmania	26 "
New Zealand	37,318 "
South Africa	6,418 "

The total available for these auctions was 153,000 bales; of these 150,000 bales have been disposed of, the home section taking 77,000 bales, Continental 60,000 bales, and 13,000 going to America, leaving 3000 bales to be carried forward to next series.

The series was characterised by a large attendance, and keen competition from all quarters, American buyers being an important factor. Merino greasy and scoured began and continued on a basis fully equal to the closing rates of the previous series, excepting choice greasies and the best scoureds, which frequently showed an improvement of 5 per cent. Broken, pieces, and lambs also indicate an advance of fully 5 per cent. For all these there was an excellent demand, and the offerings afforded good scope both as regards broken sorts and lambs. Crossbreds opened fully firm, with a 5 per cent. rise on the stronger sorts. On this level the finer grades were maintained throughout, but coarser descriptions fell away, and more than lost the advance, and must now be quoted 5 per cent. below December currency for this class. The series has been marked by an excellent selection of all sorts, and some record figures have been noted, 18½d per lb being paid for some choice comebacks.

The stock in London is practically cleared, and next auctions, beginning on March 12, open with all new arrival wools.

Markets in manufacturing centres are quite steady, and more business is moving than of late. Best 70's tops are quoted at 29d per lb, whilst an average make is nearer 28½d, with a hardening tendency. Super 60's are firm at close upon 27d on the average; ordinary 60's stand at about 26d, although some makers want more; 56's are in favour of sellers at 25d and 50's fully 23½d, with 46's at 19½d and a good demand; 40's run to 17½d. All local markets are moving up gradually to late London parity. It is becoming more apparent daily that there is not an over-abundance of the raw material, especially good, straight, sound wools about. Topmakers and spinners are as busy as can be. The whole commercial world is in a healthy state, and with an easier bank rate the prosperity in all industrial centres bids fair to continue for a good while to come.

Judged by the opening month of the year, 1907 seems destined to outrun its immediate predecessor, which was a record.

With a continuance of seasonable rains, an active and strong meat market, the Australian squatter should be the most envied man in creation.

At foot are particulars of some leading brands sold and prices realised since last mail:—

New South Wales.—Goonoo Goonoo over PR over L&M over Co. in diamond, greasy 1st combing 1s 4d, 1s 4d, greasy 2nd combing 1s 2½d, 1s 2d, greasy 1st clothing 1s 2d, greasy broken 1s, 11½d, greasy skirts 10d, greasy bellies 9½d, 9d; Gunbar, greasy super combing 1s, 11½d, greasy 1st combing 11d, 10½d, greasy 2nd combing 10d, greasy 1st lambs 11½d, 11d, greasy 2nd lambs 8½d, greasy broken 10½d, greasy pcs 10d, 9½d; Borillone, greasy AAA 1s, greasy AA 1s, greasy A 11d, greasy broken 11½d, greasy pcs 10½d; Clift Bros., over Breeza, greasy combing 10½d, 10d, greasy 1st pcs 8½d, greasy 2nd pcs 7½d, greasy 1st lambs 9d, greasy 2nd lambs 7d; Thackarings, scoured sup combing 1s 11d, scoured 1st combing 1s 10½d, scoured sup pcs 1s 9½d, scoured 1st pcs 1s 8½d, scoured 1st lambs 1s 5½d; Condobolin over MF&Co., greasy A 1s, greasy B 11½d, greasy C 11d, greasy 1st pcs 11d, greasy 2nd pcs 9d; Goonal, greasy combing 11½d, greasy 1st clothing 11d, greasy necks 11½d, greasy 1st pcs 9½d, greasy 1st lambs 10½d, 8½d, greasy 2nd lambs 7½d; WEA over Wingen, greasy sup crossbred 11½d, greasy 1st crossbred 11½d, greasy 2nd crossbred 1s, 11½d, greasy broken crossbred 10d, 9d, greasy 1st pcs crossbred 9d, greasy 2nd pcs crossbred 8d; Midkin in square, greasy 1st combing 1s 0½d, 1s, greasy 1st clothing 11d, 10½d, 10d, greasy necks 11½d, 11d, greasy broken 10½d, 10d, greasy 1st pcs 9d, greasy A lambs 11d; GRLY, greasy 1st combing 1s 1½d, 1s 1d, 1s 0½d, greasy 2nd combing 1s 1d, 1s 0½d, greasy 1st clothing 10d, greasy 2nd clothing 1s, greasy broken 11½d, 11d, greasy necks 1s, 11½d, greasy 1st lambs 11d; R. B. Dawes and Co. over Yandama, scoured 1st combing 1s 11½d, scoured 2nd combing 1s 10½d, scoured 1st pcs 1s 8½d, scoured 2nd pcs 1s 4½d.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

WHEAT AFLOAT.

LONDON, March 5.

Shipments of wheat afloat to-day, a week ago, and a year ago, compare:—

	A year ago.	A week ago.	To-day.
	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.
For United Kingdom	3,930,000	3,360,000	3,825,000
For Continent	1,755,000	1,740,000	1,940,000
Total	5,785,000	5,100,000	5,765,000

AMERICAN WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The wheat and flour shipped from the Atlantic coast of America during the past week aggregate 197,000qrs., against 200,000qrs. a week ago, and 106,000qrs. during the corresponding week of last year. The Pacific shipments were nil, against nil a week ago, and 40,000qrs. a year ago.

March 6.

METALS.

Closing quotations were:—

Copper.—On spot, b £109 10s, s £109 15s, a drop of 12s 6d per ton; three months, b £110 12s 6d, s £110 17s 6d, a fall of 12s 6d.

Tin.—On spot, b £191 12s 6d, s £192 2s 6d, a fall of 12s 6d; three months, b £190 15s, s £191 5s, a drop of 15s.

NEW SOUTH WALES WHEAT.

The cargo of wheat now being loaded in the Neuilly at Darling Island has been sold at 30s 3d per 480lb c.f.i.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

Messrs. Schute, Bell, and Co. have received the following cablegram from their London agents, under date 5th inst:—"Prospects for the ensuing sales are bright. It is expected there will be an all round advance of 5 per cent. on the closing rates of last series. The market generally is very strong."

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Nearly 5000 bags of wheat were sold to-day from 3s 0½d to 3s 1d. About 20,000 bags were sold at an advance. Flour was worth £7 5s; bran, from 10½d to 10½d; pollard, 9½d to 10d; barley, prime, rather scarce, from 4s 7d to 4s 8d, fair to good 4s 3d to 4s 6d, medium 4s; prime Cape, 2s 4d, feed 2s to 2s 1d. Oats were quiet, the market being still unsettled; prime milling 2s 1d to 2s 1½d, feed 1s 11d to 2s, stout white 2s 5d to 2s 7d. Maize was worth from 2s 4d to 2s 4½d, with sales at 2s 4d. Peas were firm from 2s 10½d to 2s 11d. Rye, prime was quoted at 3s 5d. Chaff, prime wheaten 55s, oaten 52s 6d, fair to good 45s to 50s, inferior 40s, Manger hay sold from 60s to 70s, sheaves 45s to 50s, chaffing sheaves 40s to 45s; Victorian straw 27s 6d to 30s, Tasmanian 50s. In potatoes Warrnambool pinkeye sold from 35s to 42s 6d, reds 50s; Gippsland, 45s to 50s. Brown Spanish onions sold from 50s to 55s. In butter, choicest western was worth from 10½d to 11d, other prime factory 9½d. Eggs were irregular from 8d to 11d. Considerable business was done in tea, including 800 packages of Ceylon up to 11½d, and 150 packages of Indian up to 8½d, and further good business is pending. Fair business was done in Mildura sultanas, lexias, and currants for export. Smyrna figs were sold for export. Sardines have been in demand, and about 500 cases of quarters were sold. Several tons of citric acid were sold, the market closing firmer. Cornsacks were worth from 6s 10d to 6s 10½d, and branbags 5s 3½d. Ten tons of Java coffee were sold.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co., Ltd., report regarding to-day's sale:—Cattle: 600 were yarded, forming an excellent selection, 30 coming from Queensland, 30 from New South Wales, 270 from the north, 80 from the south-east, the balance being local. There was a strong demand, and prices were a shade higher. Shippers took 20. Prime beef was quoted at 28s. We sold 100 cattle. Sheep: 9000 penned, consisting largely of good quality. Sales were fairly brisk, and the best values were unaltered, though the others were slightly weaker. Shippers took 600 and graziers 2000. Quotations: Prime merino wethers, 18s to 20s, extra 21s; best ewes, 15s; prime cross wethers, 19s to 21s; prime cross ewes, 18s. Lambs: 2700 were penned, and prices were practically unchanged. Graziers bought 600. We sold 2200 lambs.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1671 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 150 from New South Wales, 300 from the north-eastern district, 320 from Gippsland, 700 from South Gippsland, 120 from the northern district, and 120 from the western district. In the early part of the market the demand was brisk at decidedly improved rates, but as the sales progressed competition became weaker, though in most instances prices ruled 10s per head higher. Closing sales, however, were dull, when prices receded to about former quotations. Prime pens of bullocks, £10 10s to £11 10s; extra ditto ditto, £12 5s to £13 2s 6d; good ditto ditto, £9 to £10; good ditto ditto, lightweights, £7 10s to £8 10s; second and light steers, £4 10s to £6 10s; prime pens of cows, £7 10s to £8 10s; odd beasts, to £10 7s 6d; second and useful ditto ditto, from £4 to £6 10s. 150 fat calves were penned, which consisted chiefly of good and prime qualities. The demand was active at improved rates. Prime steers and heifers, 80s to 130s; prime calves, 50s to 65s; good ditto, 35s to 45s, with small veals from 15s.

In the Metropolitan Meat Market prices for the week ended March 6 were:—Beef: Prime bodies, 22s to 23s per 100lb; medium, 20s to 21s; prime forequarters, 15s to 16s; medium, 14s; prime hindquarters, 28s to 30s; medium, 26s. Sheep: Prime lightweights, 2½d per lb; medium, 2½d to 2½d; heavyweights, 2½d. Lamb: Prime, 10s to 12s each; medium, 8s to 9s. Veal: Prime large vealers, 2d to 2½d per lb; medium, 1½d; prime small vealers, 2½d to 2½d; medium, 2d; small calves, 1½d to 2d.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Western Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Local apples, eating 2s to 5s per case, cooking 1s to 2s 6d ditto; plums, 1s 6d to 3s ditto; pears, eating 1s 6d to 4s ditto, cooking 1s 6d to 2s 6d ditto; peaches, 3s to 5s 6d ditto; peaches, in crates, 1s to 2s per tray; nectarines, 4s to 6s per case; grapes, 2s to 7s ditto; figs, 4s to 5s ditto; tomatoes, 2s to 3s 6d ditto; oranges, 4s to 5s ditto; lemons, 3s to 4s ditto; quinces, 2s to 2s 3d ditto; Queensland pines, 4s to 5s 6d per double-case; bananas, 9s to 11s ditto; ditto, 1s 6d to 3s per bunch; Italian oranges, 11s to 13s 6d per double-case; lemons, 10s to 12s ditto; American navel oranges, 15s to 18s per double-case; New South Wales passionfruit, 6s to 8s per case.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Despite the observance by retailers of the Wednesday half-holiday, a goodly volume of business was put through in Sussex-street yesterday, demand showing marked improvement for the majority of lines. Proceedings at the Sydney goods sheds were characterised by a similar state of affairs.

Exceeding firmness characterised the maize market. Prime non-weevilly grain continued scarce, and holders, in view of the enlivened inquiry were loth to do business at former rates. Several movements occurred in oat values. Algerian milling were placed at 2s 5d, best seed at 2s 6d, and light feed at 2s 4d. Tasmanian whites were steady at 2s 8d. Demand was mostly for the better class of Algerian. At auction prices realised for local varieties ranged from 2s 2d to 2s 3d, according to grade. Large quantities of chickwheat were held in store, and current rates were well sustained for prime quality. Inferior grain, viz., sweepings, etc., was extremely difficult to move. Five trucks of chickwheat arrived by rail, and had fair patronage at from 2s 10d to 2s 11d. Stocks of barley were sufficient for requirements, and was quoted at late levels. Arrivals from local sources, for the week ended Tuesday, totalled 13 tons—a decrease on the previous week's total of 17 tons. Peas were as previously ruling.

A better feeling pervaded the imported chaff market, holders having little difficulty in securing full current rates. Local cuts were represented by 23 trucks at the sale. Choice made £4 1s 8d, prime £3 11s 8d, medium to good at from £2 16s 8d to £3 8s 4d, and inferior from £2 5s. Transactions on the lucerne hay wharf were not productive of any startling results, yet were responsible for a larger turnover. Prime dry green moved especially well, both in small and large makes. At auction medium northern hay went at from £2 10s to £2 13s 4d, and derrick-pressed Queensland at £1 18s 4d. The quality and condition of the latter were the cause of the low figure secured. Business was not of much moment in oaten hay, the demand being restricted to superior kinds, which were anything but plentiful. Holders were contented with late rates. One truck of local was submitted at auction, and subsequently changed hands at £3 13s 4d. Derrick straw was unchanged.

Potatoes were quoted firm by the majority, at £3 for best, and at from £2 10s to £2 15s for other descriptions. Several small holders, with the intention of forcing the market, quoted £3 5s, and, at times, even £3 10s, but whether they really obtained those values was a question of considerable doubt. As a consequence of curtailed deliveries, and good demand, onions were placed at £3 5s, straight out, agents refusing to operate at any lower rate.

Mill offals moved briskly at the quoted figures.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—Victorian: Cape, 2s 8d to 2s 9d bus.

Maize.—Prime old free from weevil 3s 6d, weevilly from 2s, soft new from 2s to 2s 5d, when prime 2s 6d bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5s, grey 4s bus.

Chickwheat.—2s 9d to 3s bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, heavy milling 2s 5d, light feed 2s 4d, seed 2s 6d. Tasmanian: 2s 9d bus. Other kinds nominal.

Bran.—8½d to 8¾d; pollard, 8½d to 8¾d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Melbourne. Best oaten £3 to £3 5s, best wheaten £3 to £3 5s. Adelaide: £3 5s to £3 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Prime £3 10s to £3 15s ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £2 10s to £2 12s 6d ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Best dry green in large bales £3, small bales £3 5s, brown sweated £2 15s, soft new green from £2 10s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £3; Darkskins, £2 15s; Whiteskins, £2 10s to £2 15s ton.

Onions.—Victorian: Brown Spanish, £3 5s.

Turnips.—Tasmanian: £3 ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations for all lines of dairy produce were without material change. Business was generally fair.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Specially flavoured brands 88s, choice 86s to 87s; seconds from 83s to 85s cwt.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 5d to 5½d, bulk 4d to 4½d, special brands 5½d to 5¾d.

Honey.—60lb tins extra choice extracted 3d, choice 2½d, prime 2d, medium 1½d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1d to 1s 2d, bright 1s 3d to 1s 4d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d, good 5d, prime large 5½d, good 5d, inferior from 3d to 4d, special brands 5½d to 6½d lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory flitches 7½d to 7¾d, middles 8½d, sides 7¾d to 8d, special brands, sides 9d, flitches 8½d, middles 9½d. Hams: In cloth, 10d to 10½d; special brands 10½d, bagged 10d to 11d, special brands 11½d lb.

Eggs.—Northern River, 9d to 10d, special lots at from 10½d to 11d; Southern and railway, 11d to 12d; new-laid suburban, 13d to 14d, a few special lots at 15d doz.

POULTRY.

River.—Hens, old 2s 6d to 3s, young roosters 2s 9d to 3s, choice 3s 6d, chickens 1s 3d to 1s 9d; ducks, 1s 9d to 2s; drakes, 3s to 5s; turkeys, hens 8s to 10s, gobblers 10s to 12s, extra heavy 15s to 25s; geese, young 4s to 5s pair.

Suburban.—Fowls: Young roosters, 3s 6d to 4s, choice 4s 6d to 5s, very small kinds from 1s 6d, old hens 2s 6d to 3s, choice 3s 6d; ducks, English 2s 6d to 3s 6d; Muscovy, 2s 3d to 3s; drakes, Muscovy 3s to 3s 6d, choice 4s; geese, 3s 9d to 5s; guinea-fowls, 5s to 6s; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 6d pair.

SYDNEY AUCTION SALES.

Fifty-three truck-loads of produce were offered at auction. Business was, on the whole, satisfactory. Choice cuts of chaff made 4s 1d, prime 3s 7d, medium to good from 2s 10d to 3s 5d, and inferior from 2s 3d. Lucerne hay in large bales brought 2s 6d and 2s 8d, while derrick-pressed made 1s 11d. Prime chickwheat realised 2s 10d to 2s 11d. Oats went at 2s 2d and 2s 3d for Algerian. Melons came in good supply to attract buyers at from 4d to 2s 9d. Details of offerings were:—

Chaff.—From Rowston and Boyd, Ganmain, (4114) 3s 5d; Martin (6687) 3s 7d, (3027) 3s 7d; Logan, (828) 4s 1d, (8001) 3s; Lynam, (8470) 3s 2d, (4830) 3s 5d; Dunn, (1277) 2s 9d, (308) 2s 10d; Marshall, Matong, (223) 3s 3d; Logan, Coolamon, (5654) 3s, (8224) 3s 1d; Bradshaw, (11097) 2s 11d; Webb, Webb's Siding, (8333) 2s 3d, (12285) 3s 3d cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—Ex Wallangarra, (4248) 1s 11d; Robertson, Moonbi, (11397) 2s 6d; Jack Sang, (6135) 2s 8d cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Kable, Bathurst, (4928) 3s 6d cwt.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Harbour, (9186) 2s 11d; Gibson, Trangie, (1621) 2s 10d bus.

Oats.—From Nancarrow, Springhill (670) 2s 2d; ex Walla Walla, (4799) 2s 3d bus.

Maize.—Frog Long, Wallangarra, (421) 3s 4d, (8974) 2s 4d, (11264) 2s 4½d bus.

Melons.—Ex Richmond, (2876) Glover, 3s 9d, Klein 2s 7d; ex Kingswood, (2416) Andrews, 1s 4d; ex Penrith, (197) H. Hollier 1s 4d, H. J. Hollier 1s 6d, Ferguson 9d and 2s 3d, rockmelons 2s 4d bag; (12714) J. Hollier 2s 8d, E. Willett 4d and 2s 3d doz.

Pumpkins.—Ex Richmond, (2876) Klein 2s 8d; ex Penrith, (197) Ferguson 1s 2d; (12714) T. Lee 1s 2d, E. Willett 1s 6d doz.

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FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

Mid-week operations at the above mart were sufficiently brisk to enable holders to clear out their stocks satisfactorily.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Trivett's, extra choice 7s to 8s, medium 4s 6d to 5s 6d, small from 1s 6d to 2s; Carpenters, choice 5s, medium 2s 6d to 3s gin-case.

Pineapples.—Common, choice 4s to 5s, small from 2s; Queens, choice 4s to 4s 6d.

Cucumbers.—Local: 2s 6d to 3s 6d gin-case.

Bananas.—Fiji: 12s to 13s case, 4s to 7s bunch. Queensland: 1s 6d to 4s bunch, 8s to 9s case.

Apricots.—Choice 4s to 6s, medium 2s 6d to 3s 6d quarter-case.

Lemons.—Local: Choice 6s to 7s, good 4s 6d to 5s, medium 3s to 3s 6d, others from 2s 6d gin-case. American: 8s half-case, containing from 160 pieces; 10s double-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice 3s to 3s 6d, medium 2s 6d, others from 6d to 9d half-case.

Grapes.—Black Muscatels, choice 3s 6d to 4s, good 2s to 3s 6d, medium 1s 6d box; white, choice 3s 6d to 4s; black Hamburg, choice 2s to 2s 6d, medium 1s 6d, others from 1s; whites, 1s 6d to 2s box.

Pears.—Williams' Bon Chretiens, local, choice 4s to 5s, medium 3s 6d case; and Victorians, hard green, 4s to 4s 6d; ripe, from 2s packer.

Passionfruit.—Choice 4s to 5s, others from 1s 6d box; others from 2s to 4s gin-case.

Oranges.—American: Washington Navels, 14s to 16s double-case, containing from 18 to 24 dozen.

Plums.—Pond's Seedlings, choice 4s 6d to 5s, medium 3s to 3s 6d half-case; Kelsey's, 2s to 3s 6d box. Victorian: Golden Drop, 3s to 3s 6d packer.

Nectarines.—Choice 5s to 6s, good 4s to 4s 6d, others from 1s 6d box.

Melons.—Large 5s to 6s, extra 7s, medium 3s to 4s, small 1s 6d doz. Rock melons, 2s to 3s gin-case.

Quinces.—Choice 2s 6d to 3s, medium 1s 6d to 2s 6d gin-case.

Peaches.—Italian: Slipstones, choice 3s 6d to 4s, medium 2s to 2s 6d box, 3s 6d to 5s gin-case. Canning, 5s to 6s gin-case. Cooking: Shangnais and Newingtons 3s, medium 2s 6d, small from 1s case. Victorian: Choice 5s to 5s 6d, medium 4s to 4s 6d packer.

BELMORE.

Table fruit generally showed an upward tendency. Inferior quality was unsaleable.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Choice, coloured 7s, prime 4s to 5s 6d, rough from 2s 6d per gin-case; Messina, 7s to 8s per box, containing from 150 to 180 pieces; Californian, 6s to 7s case.

Pineapples.—Common, 3s to 3s 6d; Queen, 5s to 6s per case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 4s, medium to good 1s 6d to 2s 6d per half-case, small, unsaleable.

Bananas.—Queensland: 6s 6d to 8s. Fiji: 11s to 12s per Sydney case; sugar bananas, 6s to 8s per case.

Watermelons.—Local: 2s to 7s doz.

Rock Melons.—Local: 1s 6d to 2s 6d per gin-case.

Cocoanuts.—Market bare.

Apples.—Local: Jonathan, 6s to 9s, Carpenters, choice 5s to 8s, medium 2s 6d to 4s; Trivett's choice 7s to 9s, lower grade 2s 6d to 4s; cooking varieties, 2s 6d to 4s 6d, jam lots, 1s 6d gin-case; Victorian: 3s to 5s 6d. Tasmanian: R.P., 4s to 5s 6d; A.L.X., 3s 6d to 4s 6d; M.C., 2s 6d to 3s 6d bushel-case.

Peaches.—Slipstones, choice 3s to 5s, clingstones, 1s to 1s 3d per half-case; small varieties, 1s to 2s 6d per gin-case.

Pears.—Victorian: W.B.C., 3s 6d to 4s 6d; G.B., 3s to 4s per packer. Local: W.B.C., choice 5s 6d to 6s 6d, medium 4s 6d bushel-case.

Grapes.—Black Hamburg, 1s 6d to 2s 6d per 24lb box; late sherry, 2s 6d to 3s; black Muscatels, 2s to 3s per 12lb box, 4s to 5s per 24lb box.

Plums.—Local Japanese varieties, 2s to 4s 6d. Pond Seedlings, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; egg plums, 3s to 4s half-case.

Oranges.—Californian: Navel, 16s to 18s per box of 216 to 250 pieces.

Tomatoes.—2s to 3s half-case.

Quinces.—2s 6d to 4s gin-case.

VEGETABLES.

Satisfactory business at ruling rates was reported from the vegetable market.

Quotations:—Cabbages, large 2s to 3s, small from 6d; pumpkins, 2s 6d to 6s 6d; marrows, 1s 6d to 2s; lettuce, 4d to 6d; cucumbers, 9d doz; carrots, 6d to 9d; parsnips, 1s to 1s 3d; white turnips, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; leeks, 1s; celery, 1s 6d to 2s; mint, 9d; herbs, 6d; beetroot, 4d to 6d; radishes, 6d; parsley, 1s 6d; rhubarb, large 2s, small 6d to 1s; eschalots, 9d to 1s; spinach, 6d doz bunches; watercress, 2s doz bunches; asparagus, 6s to 7s doz bunches; potatoes, Circular Head, 2s 9d; Early Rose, 2s, Brownells 2s 6d; onions, 4s to 5s cwt; beans, French 8d to 1s; broad 2s; peas Tasmanian 2s to 3s, local 3s 6d to 4s 6d; tomatoes, good 1s to 1s 6d, sauce from 6d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

The following is a list of produce received at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown, per rail, for the week ended March 5, together with the total to date for the year, and with that of the corresponding period of last year:—

	Week ended Tuesday.	Total, 1907.	Total, 1906.
Butter, kegs	19	192	176
Butter, cases	4,877	41,814	33,912
Cheese cases	326	2,884	2,183
Eggs, cases	447	5,382	4,932
Bacon, bags	—	32	63
Bacon, sides	328	3,103	2,142
Hay, trucks	60	592	561
Straw, trucks	14	179	...
Chaff, trucks	142	2,057	1,974
Oats, tons	258	1,400	443
Barley, tons	13	190	436
Meal, tons	—	28	41
Maize, tons	344	2,745	460
Potatoes, tons	22	1,396	2,859
Bran, tons	136	919	—
Pollard, tons	77	555	—

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The Westralia left Hobart yesterday for Sydney with 440 cases and 644 half-cases of fruit, 272 bags of peas, 646 cases of jam, 121 cases of canned fruit, 28 cases of fish, 540 cases of pulp, 38 hhds and 10 half-hhds of ale, 9 bundles of hops, 43 bags of bark. The deliveries of potatoes at coast ports are light this week. Quotation: £4 to £5.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of March 11, 83 sheep vans and 80 cattle waggons; March 14, 222 sheep vans and 61 cattle waggons.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

At to-day's fat stock sales, to be held at Homebush, the offerings will be:—Cattle, 995; sheep, 38,467.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., Schute, Bell, and Co., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Furskins.—Kangaroo, wallaroo, and wallaby ruled very strong, while bear showed an improvement. Rabbit skins were firm, except for greasy sorts, which were rather weaker. Opossumskins: 3548 were offered. A firm market prevailed, and prices ruled higher. Quotations:—Grey kangaroo, large 50d to 90d each, medium 18d to 48d, small 6d to 17d; red kangaroo, large 45d to 80d, medium 18d to 42d, small 6d to 16½d; wallaroo, large 37d to 54½d, medium 15d to 36d, small 4d to 14d; wallaby (scrub), large 16d to 29d, medium 3d to 15d, small 1d to 2½d; wallaby (swamp), large 15d to 28d, medium 3½d to 14½d, small 1d to 3d; wallaby (rock), 1d to 9d; goats, best 23d to 41d; bears, seconds 3d to 21d; rabbits, 8d to 9d per lb, medium 5½d to 7½d; milky does, 4d to 5½d; kittens, 3½d to 5d. Opossum skins: Super grey, 14s to 15s 3d per dozen; first grey, 11s to 13s 6d; second grey, 8s to 10s 6d; super red, 13s to 14s 3d, first red, 10s to 12s 6d; second red, 7s to 9s 6d; top rumped, 7s to 9s 9d; first rumped, 5s to 6s 6d; second rumped, 2s 6d to 4s 6d; torn and weevily, 2s to 5s; black, to 20s.

Leather.—Sales were held yesterday by Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd. Competition lacked animation, and sales were of small extent. Basils of best quality met a fair demand, and sole was unchanged. Harness materials ruled steady. Quotations:—Calf tweed, best 20d to 22d per lb; cow tweed, best 16½d to 18d; yearling tweed, best 17d to 18d; split yearling tweed, best 17d to 18d; waxed calf, super 24d to 26d, medium and fair 21d to 23d; kip, super 15d to 15½d; waxed yearling, best 18d to 20d, heavy 14d to 15d; dressed splits, super 10½d to 11½d, common 7d to 9d; sole, heavy 13d to 14d, medium 11d to 12d, faulty and damaged 7½d to 10d; shoulders, 9½d to 10d; bellies, 7½d to 8d; splits, rough tanned, 6½d to 8½d; basils, first shoe 18s 6d to 20s 6d per dozen, second shoe 10s 6d to 14s 6d per dozen, third shoe 5s 6d to 7s 6d, saddlers' 25s to 30s; bridle, 12s to 15s per side; bag, 12s 6d to 14s; harness, best heavy brown, 14d to 14½d per lb, medium 13d to 13½d, heavy black 14d to 15½d, medium 12d to 13½d.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 5552 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 6540 bales, as under:—

Selling Broker.	Offerings.	Sales. At auction.	Privately, ex Catalogue.	Privately, uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.	2671	2013	228	96	2337
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.	2059	1900	389	807	3396
Australian M., L., and F. Co., Ltd.	822	654	163	—	817
Totals	5552	4567	980	993	6540

The market ruled firm at the recently improved level for all fresh offered lots, whilst re-offered parcels were not so keenly supported. Lambswool was in special request, at very full rates, and scoureds had keen competition at an excellent range of values.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., offered a very good selection for this period of the season in both greasy and scoured sections, although numbers of lots were skirty and unattractive. In the grease the highest price was 13d, paid for 12 bk of Aberbaldie over New England (Walcha-road), a fine, well-grown comeback in light condition and heavily skirted. Other realisations included:—B (rev) over Oak Hills (Gundagai), 14 1st w e at 12½d, 5 1st e at 11½d, 3 2nd h w e at 11d, well grown, light, fine quality, heavily skirted; BT over New England (Wandsworth), 10 w e at 11½d, short, fine clothing, light; IR over Captain's Flat, 18 h w e at 10½d, well grown, rather skirty; B (rev) B over Boloco (Dalgety), 15 com h e at 10d, 10 clo h e at 9½d, well grown, rather heavy in condition; FR over Daisy Hill (North Yuruuga), 20 e at 11d, light condition, skirty; EV over Nowley (Burren Junction), 14 1st lbs at 8½d, 10 2nd lbs at 5½d, 7 1st lbs at 8½d, 5 2nd lbs at 6½d, 5 3rd lbs at 5d, well grown burry; B (rev) over Oak Hills (Gundagai), 5 A lbs at 11½d, 4 1st lbs at 8½d, well grown, exceptionally free, bright; Cook and Co. over Woolshed (Merriwa), 15 1st lbs at 9½d, well grown, fair condition; E (rev) H over Gunra, 37 at 11½d, dry, rather dull, and yellow; AK over Boloco (Dalgety), 11 at 9½d, well grown, skirty, sticky; HM over NY (Dalgety), 13 h w e at 9½d, good quality, but skirty; DOH (Delegate), 44 1st com w h e at 11½d, 5 2nd com at 10d, well grown, fine, heavily skirted; Merrigang (Holt's Flat), 11 1st com e at 10½d, fine, carefully classed, good condition; TO and Co. over Driftord (Pilliga), 12 1st and 2ns at 5d, 11 3nd and 3ns at 6d, well grown, good length, very burry. Scoured sold to 24½d, paid for 13 super com A of EV over Nowley, 14 super com making 23½d, 5 super com 22½d, and 4 super clo 22½d, the wool being fine, shafty, bulky, very bright, fair colour, and very well scoured. Other sales were: Brigalows (Warren), 9 A com at 20½d, 13 A com e at 20½d, 23 A clo at 20d, fine, fairly well scoured, carrying a little seed; MW over Collingwood, 5 1st com at 21½d, 7 1st clo at 20½d, well scoured, carefully classed; WS over B, 24 super com at 19½d, well scoured, a little seedy; WB conj. over Willandra (Hay), 7 D w at 22½d, 4 D e at 21½d, 13 pcs at 18½d, good quality, very well scoured, carefully prepared; Y over YY (Girilambone), 6 B pcs at 13½d, 20 A std pcs at 13d, 4 A dead 14d, fine, rather dull in colour.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, offered a catalogue in which the selection comprised a medium lot of greasy wools, the bulk being more or less skirty. The scoured display included some good lines. In the grease the highest price was 13s, secured for 10 fine abd of HWE over Tasmania, 4 cbk making 12½d, 7 cbk 12d, and 4 merino 10½d, the wool being a fine, good style of comeback. Other sales were:—HB over Fernbank (Tarago), 7 h w at 10½d, good length, dull, skirty; L in C over Uplands over Boggabri, 18 w e at 10½d, 5 B w e at 9½d, good quality, dry, short, burry points; MC over Mulla (Moonbi), 16 h w e at 10½d, good length and condition, but skirty; WW over Isis (Blandford), 23 h w e at 12d, good quality, nice condition, fair length; MJS over Claremont (Gular), 35 h w e at 10½d, good length, dry, burry, and seedy; JJ on side (Nimitybelle), 13 e at 10½d, 12 h w at 9½d, 4 abd at 10½d, useful quality, dull, heavy, and skirty; KF over Coningdale over New England, 4 w e at 12d, uneven quality, fair condition. Scoured sold to 24½d, paid for 4 B com of RAW over Clerkness over New England, 4 A com making 23½d. This was a bright wool of useful quality, bulky and dry. Other sales included: R and H over Byra (Goodooga), 22 1st com e at 22½d, 24 1st com h at 22½d, 11 1st clo e at 21d, 13 1st clo h at 21½d, bulky, fair colour, slightly seedy; CJS (Dubbo), 8 clo at 17d, 8 1st pcs at 16d, dull, pink tinged, heavy condition; C over Old Goomery (Goodooga), 13 pcs at 19d, 6 bels at 18½d, 46 clo passed in at 21½d bid, bulky, good colour, dry; PR over Jones Plain, 4 sup com e at 19d, dull, rather fatty, free; P and W over MP (Longreach), 5 (?) 23d, 4 h at 22d, 14 e at 21d, 10 pcs at 19½d, dry, bulky, rather seedy; CK over Lakeview, 6 sup com at 22½d, 5 com at 20½d, bulky, dry, seedy.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Ltd., presented a catalogue, in which the offerings in the greasy section comprised mainly wools delayed in transit, including useful parcels from the Queensland border and Cobar. In the scoured section the Kamerooka clip, from Richmond, North Queensland, was conspicuous. In the greasy section the principal sales were:—Florida over GB (Moree), 3 1st lbs at 9½d, 17 2nd lbs at 7½d, 5 3rd lbs at 5½d, well grown, showing quality, rather burry; JBD and Sons over Thule (Cobar), 14 C h e at 8½d, 17 2nd pcs at 9d, a little tender, dusty, red tinged; Coorarith (Dalby, Q.), 7 1st pcs at 9½d, 14 bellies at 7½d, dry, little seedy; half-circle over JB over Mudgee, 8 w at 10½d, soft, nice quality, free, a little heavy; DLN over Mundine (Boggabilla), 35 2nd com at 10½d, 24 1st pcs at 10½d, 4 1st lbs at 9½d, dry, nice quality, a little yellow, free; ARL over C (Cooma), 4 at 9d, deep grown, very skirty; J in cir over Ranch (Moree), 4 3nd lbs at 9d, 7 2nd lbs at 8½d, soft, free, dry, a little dusty. Scoured: W and D over Kamerooka (Q.), 12 1st com at 24½d, 5 1st com at 24d, 5 2nd com at 24½d, 4 2nd com at 24d, 10 bkn at 22½d, 4 bkn at 22d, 4 lks at 17½d (record), very fine clothing quality, excellent colour, soft, dry, well scoured; Coombie (Hillston), 10 CC at 10½d, fair colour, free, well scoured; Coondarra (Narrabri), 12 h e at 19½d, 8 h e at 19½d, good length and colour, soft, rather burry.

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STATE POLITICS.

MIDDLE HARBOUR ELECTORATE.

CANDIDATURE OF MR. W. SCOTT FELL.

Mr. W. Scott Fell, who intends to contest the Middle Harbour seat in the Legislative Assembly at the approaching general elections, opened his campaign on Tuesday night at the Mosman Town Hall. The Mayor of Mosman (Alderman P. Leahy) presided.

The candidate, who had a cordial reception, said that payment of members had been responsible for many of the ills they had to put up with to-day, and for the ill-will of the classes, and much of the trouble that faced them in the future. He favoured a further reduction in the number of members in the Legislative Assembly, and reminded the meeting that the present Premier, who, when the first reduction was made, strongly advocated a further reduction, had done nothing to carry his expressed desire into effect. Speaking on the constitution of the House, he said that there were too many professional and too few commercial members in Parliament. He favoured a measure for compulsory voting, and if returned said he would do his best to carry it into law. He would also use his best efforts to secure legislation dealing with the unsightly hoardings on the harbour foreshores. He advocated the erection of a bridge connecting North Shore with the city, and said that he had the authority of a well-known bridge-builder to say that he was prepared to find the money, and to erect a bridge, if a reasonable lease were granted him. It was only by a bridge that the wants of the northern suburbs could be met, and a disastrous accident avoided. Speaking on the question of trust funds, he said that he was of opinion that a State department should be brought into existence, so that the public would know that their money was safely invested. He favoured the abolition of the income tax, being of opinion that the time was ripe for such a movement, but while proposing relief in that direction, he would suggest the imposition of another—a charity tax.

Mr. Fell touched on Commonwealth affairs, and said, on the question of the future of the Pacific, that he was of opinion that the alliance with Japan should be continued, and an alliance entered into with America. If that were done they would be able to hold the Pacific against the world. Australian interests demanded it. Another matter was that of combines and trusts, the greatest friends of the socialists. There should be a method of dealing with such unions which were opposed to the best interests of the people. On the question of defence, he said that so long as they were a part of the Empire Australians should be willing to subscribe, not £250,000 per annum, but one million a year towards the support of the Imperial Navy, which would give them a greater security than any small navy of their own.

A vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

THE SHERBROOKE SEAT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Elector" appears to be much annoyed with both Mr. B. B. O'Conor and Mr. Sydney Smith over the Sherbrooke electorate, and takes both gentlemen to task—the first for not intimating his intentions to the electors at once, and the second for being so well known and respected as to have his name suggested at once as a likely and suitable candidate for Mr. O'Conor's position. Now, if "Elector" has only an ordinary elector's anxiety in the matter, can he not possess his soul in patience until Mr. O'Conor is ready to make a formal and complete announcement of his intentions?

Mr. Sydney Smith's name has been mentioned as a candidate in the event only of Mr. O'Conor's retirement. He is not therefore in a position to prosecute his candidature and advertise his claims, which would at once dispel the assertions contained in "Elector's" letter. It is quite true that Mr. Sydney Smith has filled the position of Minister for Mines and Agriculture in this State, but it is not true to state that his administration gained him no friends amongst the fruitgrowers. The growers are not likely to forget that he is the founder of the Agricultural Colleges in this State, including the Bathurst Experimental Farm, which has been such an object-lesson to the fruitgrowers throughout the State. They will remember probably that he first issued the "Agricultural Gazette," and in many ways helped the producers of New South Wales to improve their industries. I have watched Mr. Sydney Smith's career as a public man for many years, and certainly think that whatever differences of political opinion may exist, he will be acknowledged to have taken a deep and enthusiastic interest in the agricultural and mineral development of the State. "Elector's" references to the recent Nepean electorate are rather ungenerous. The result of the election clearly shows that the electors endorsed the choice of the Democratic Union. In any case, the Sydney league is not likely to force Mr. Smith or any other candidate on the Sherbrooke electors, and there is absolutely no evidence that any effort is being made to influence any body in Mr. Smith's favour. It will be time enough to act when Mr. O'Conor's retirement is definitely announced. In the meantime "Elector" would do more good for the Liberal party if he would assist in organising the Liberals in his own district upon such a basis that the local people will be in a position to make a selection, and give their selected candidate a solid support. The trouble in the past, both in Federal and State politics, has arisen through the apathy of the electors in not organising themselves. Mr. Sydney Smith and others have devoted themselves to the work of organisation, and in many cases neglected their own political interests. Their services to their party, however, deserve better acknowledgment than the stab from behind contained in "Elector's" letter. I am not an elector of Sherbrooke, but reside in the adjoining electorate. As one, however, who has closely watched our elections for many years, I only wish to see fair play to a well-tried and faithful servant of the Liberal party.

I am, etc.,

March 1. FRANK E. M'LEAN.

THE LIBERAL AND REFORM PARTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Good organisation consists of simple methods—secrecy and persistent vigour, and also in conserving ample time for the steady growth of support. The one political section in this State which can claim admiration for these sensible forms of action is the Labour party.

Scarcely five months remain before the general elections are upon us, and yet the Liberal and Reform organisation is as yet in its winter sleep. The calling together of large public meetings, and vigorously addressing such, necessary as it is, is in no sense organisation, and yet the Liberal party of these times seems to consider this method the effectual one. Now the evidence that it is not so was amply supplied during the late Federal elections. The great personal efforts of Mr. Reid and others upon the public platform went almost for nothing, because they were not followed up by quiet, well-ordered, persistent organisation. On the other hand, the vital and silent combinations of Labour-socialism, of which no one knew except those living in the areas of operation, ambushed and nearly destroyed the democratic party. Indeed, we are compelled to admire and respect Labour's clever systematic process.

Now I would suggest to the Liberal and Reform party to lose no time, but to frame a strong constructive policy at once, and to call a mass meeting to create a grand central body, and upon this to build minor bodies in every district of the State. The time is even now too short for this complete organisation, but I suggest that operations should pursue this course. Each electorate ought to be divided into centres around each of its polling booths. The central body should get into touch with one good supporter in every such polling centre, supply him with headed booksheets and information, and let him obtain the signatures of as many supporters as possible in his locality. Now it is a singular fact if electors sign their names to a political movement they take a greater interest, and seem to feel a greater responsibility to make the movement a success. These supporters having obtained the signatures (which, of course, will be always useful for future organisation) the central body should send to the districts a skilled organiser to instruct these local supporters in the wisest manner of combining as a canvassing force. Now when these organisations are complete and in going order speakers and printed pamphlets should be sent to their aid, and the good work done from the platform would then of a certainty be followed up by these well-organised and interested bodies.

Were this simple method of concentrated organisation adopted, the party would no longer have to regret its inability to poll more than 45 per cent. of the Liberal vote.

There is an error also which I think the Liberal and Reform party is making in being too exclusive.

It is a mistake not to cordially encourage all who can and are willing to be of assistance. No political party can succeed unless it wins the sympathy of all grades of the public, and this cannot be done by repelling those who are willing and can afford good counsel.

When moving about the suburbs even, to say nothing of the country, one is astonished to find the apathy displayed by the Liberals, and the vigour and wisdom in all the movements of their opponents.

I am, etc.,

Feb. 27. VARNEY PARKES.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

BLAND.—The council sat for over eight hours on Friday. The valuers, who had been appointed, had withdrawn from the work, and it was decided to invite applications at an advanced allowance on that previously offered. It was decided to support the Goobang Council in an effort to have voting by post at shire elections substituted for the present method. Mr. T. F. Smith was appointed shire engineer at a salary of £220 per annum.

GLOUCESTER.—The engineer has reported that the main north road through the shire is in a very bad condition. Some of the bridges and culverts are unsafe, and in some places the road has never been formed. It was decided to ask the department to send an officer to report, and on receipt of his report a claim will be made for money to put the road in proper order. It is proposed to apply to have about fifty acres around Gloucester proclaimed an urban area, which will enable the shire to enforce sanitary and others laws.

GOSTWYCK.—Mr. John J. Gardiner, civil engineer, of Noradjuah, Victoria, has been appointed engineer, at a salary of £250 per annum.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Public holidays have been notified as under:—Districts of Cowra, Camden, Campbelltown, Picton, Glen Innes, and Emmaville, Wednesday, March 13; districts of Glen Innes and Emmaville, police district of Raymond Terrace, Thursday, March 14; districts of Junee, Peak Hill, and Lockhart, shire of Tweed, police districts of Tenterfield, Wyalong, and Burrawa, Monday, March 18; electorates of Rous and The Richmond, districts of Forbes, Molong, Cumnock, and Cootamundra, Wednesday, March 20; districts of Camden, Campbelltown, Picton, West Maitland, Inverell, Scone, and Singleton, Thursday, March 21; district of West Maitland, and that portion of the Northumberland electorate in the Maitland police district, Thursday, April 11; police district of Queanbeyan, Friday, April 19; district of Dungog, Thursday, April 25; that portion of the police district of Young in Burrangong electorate, exclusive of Young municipality, Monday, March 18.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RAINE and HORNE.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

E. C. V. BROUGHTON.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At 94 Market-street, at 11, Confectioner's Business.

S. H. HARRIS and CO.—At 110 Botany-street, Waterloo, at 11, Machinery, Plant, Leather, Grindery, etc.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, and HAWKINS.—At Milton, Pile-street, Dulwich Hill, at 11, Piano, Suite, Sideboard, Stove, Pot Plants, etc.

BARNARD and CO.—At 140 Castlereagh-street, at 11, Piano, Furniture, Mangles, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At Premier-street, Kogarah, at 11, Furniture, Gramophone, Sewing Machine, etc.; at the Salerooms, at 3, Furniture, Pianos, Ice Chests, etc.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At 37 Queen-street, Woollahra, at 11, Stock and Plant of a Draper.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Jewellery, Chronographs, etc.

ALLDIS and CO.—At Gray-street, off Cowper-street, Waverley, at 11, Furniture, Sewing Machines, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 351 Cleveland-street, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Rooms, at 2.30, Tools.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 3, Furniture, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Sydney Wool Exchange, at 2, Wool.

THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS.—At the Salerooms, at 10, Hair, Horns, etc.; at 2.30, Tallow.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT.—Cleveland-street, near Castlereagh-street, Redfern, at 11, Building Materials.

To get relief from indigestion, biliousness, constipation, or torpid liver, take a few doses of Carter's Little Liver Pills. But be sure they are Carter's.—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

THE SHARE MARKET.

There were no well-defined features in yesterday's market. That is to say, speculation was not, as is usually the case, confined to two or more particular lines of stocks. On the contrary, it went all over the shop, so that whilst the board in the Stock Exchange vestibule presented a large number of transactions, it in no way meant that the market was an animated one. As a matter of fact, it was far from being so. Speculation was impartially distributed over silver, copper, gold, and tin stocks, whilst those quoted, but not dealt in, embraced a large proportion of those registered, as well as some that are not.

Information received by cable showed that the London Stock Exchange was not too brisk on Tuesday as regards Australian stocks. This circumstance, together with colourless markets in Adelaide and Melbourne yesterday morning, tended to restrict business in silver and copper investments. At the same time, scrip-holders stood firm in the majority of cases. The transactions recorded were mostly in odd parcels, hence where decreases occurred they did not indicate a general weakness on the part of holders.

In copper stocks Wallaroo and Moonta were supported at £5 12s 6d, a further advance of 1s. Lloyd Copper sold firmly at 18s 6d, and Tasmanian Copper at 18s; whilst Mount Morgans showed great firmness, with sales at 82s 6d, consequent on the improved return for last month. Girilambone recovered a fraction, and Mount Cannindahs advanced again to 5s 10d.

On the other hand, Hampdens receded from 27s 6d to 27s 1½d, and Mount Molloys from 26s 3d to 25s 3d, notwithstanding the posting by the latter of a smelting return showing an improvement on its predecessor. In small-priced stocks a fair amount of business was done in North Nymagee and Mount Boppy scrip.

The Budgery group was almost neglected. There were sellers of Chillagoes and Blayney Smelters, but no buyers. Mount Elliott and Mount Hector were not mentioned; O.K. sellers were slightly weaker, whilst the quotations were wide for Munganas, M'Gregors, Mount Hope, Queen Bee, and Glassford Creek.

In silver stocks, Hercules (Tas.) sold firmly at 22s 3d. B.H. Block 14 (pref) changed hands at 24s, and the ordinary scrip at 26s, neither indicating firmness. Cash sales in B.H. Junction North were booked at 33s 6d and 33s 4½d, the latter showing a fall of 6d. B.H. South Blocks sold at 45s. Both B.H. Souths, paid and contributing scrip, were quoted too wide for business to ensue.

Only one transaction in tin scrip was booked—namely, Gilmore Tin, at 6s 3d, a fractional decrease. There were a few inquiries for Dalziell's Tin, Stannary Hills, Vulcans, Amalgamated Tin, Cope's Creek, Reform Tin, and Tingha Tin, but buyers and sellers would not make a close market.

A slightly better business than usual was done in gold shares, transactions being recorded in Chaffers, Harden West, Ovens Valley, Mount David, and Black Range (W.A.). Gympie stocks were also quoted to a greater extent than usual.

A very small amount of business was done during the afternoon. Copper stocks were represented by sales in Mount Molloy from 25s 6d to 24s 6d, back to 24s 9d; and silver shares by sales in C.S.A. Mines (paid) at 29s, Broken Hill at 95s, and B.H. Junction North (one month's terms) at 33s 4½d and 35s.

In tin stocks, Gilmore Tin were steady at 6s 3d; Dalziell's Tin firmed a fraction, whilst small lots of Dead Finish changed hands at £14 10s. Gold stocks furnished business in Baker's Creek at 5s, Ruby (contg) at 3s 6½d, Great Boulder No. 1 at 6s 3d, and South Glanmire at 6s 6d.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Bogan River, contributing	—	0 4 9
Blayney	—	0 12 0
Budgery North	—	0 3 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 0
Budgery Reward South	—	5 10 0
Cannindah	0 5 9	0 5 10
Chillagoe	—	0 9 5
Girilambone Mining	0 2 4	0 2 6
Glassford Creek	0 2 4	0 2 10
Hampden Cloncurry, paid	1 6 0	1 7 6
M'Gregor Cloncurry, paid	0 11 0	0 13 0
Mount Boppy, contributing	0 1 6	—
Mount Hope (Cloncurry) contributing	0 6 4	0 7 3
Mount Molloy	1 5 3	1 5 6
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 10 9	0 11 0
North Nymagee	0 1 10	0 2 0
O. K.	0 12 6	0 14 0
Queen Bee	1 17 6	1 18 6
Ditto South, contributing	—	0 0 9
Tasmanian Copper, paid	0 15 9	0 16 9
Wallaroo and Moonta	5 11 0	5 15 0
TIN.		
Briseis	—	0 13 9
Dalziell's Tin Mines	0 8 3	0 8 6
Gilmore	0 6 0	0 6 4
Smith's Creek Proprietary	—	0 8 9
Stannary Hills	0 5 3	0 5 7
Vulcan	0 9 3	0 10 0
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	—	2 0 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	4 14 0	4 16 0
Ditto, Block 10	5 10 0	5 12 6
Ditto, Block 14	1 5 6	1 6 9
Ditto, preference	1 3 0	1 4 3
B. H. Junction	0 7 5	0 7 8
B. H. Junction North	1 13 3	1 13 6
B. H. North	3 19 6	4 2 0
B. H. South	7 10 0	7 18 0
B. H. South, contributing	7 0 0	7 7 0
B. H. South Blocks	2 4 0	2 5 6
C.S.A., paid	1 8 6	1 9 0
Ditto North	4 15 0	5 0 0
New White Leads	0 0 10	—
Overflow, contributing	—	0 3 0
Rising Sun	0 0 6	—
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 18 6	0 19 3
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 4 11	0 5 2
Harden West	0 3 6	0 3 9
Ditto, contributing	0 1 8	0 2 1
Mount David	0 0 9½	0 0 10½
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 9 1½	—
Occidental	0 0 0	—
Sunlight	0 1 7	0 1 5
Woodlark Island	—	0 0 2
Araluen Steam Shovel	0 4 5	—
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 7 0	0 7 8
Araluen Central	0 8 3	0 10 0
Ditto, contributing	0 7 5	0 9 0
Associated Gold Dredging	0 5 0	—
Cope's Creek	0 6 7	0 8 0
Elrington	—	0 2 6
New Wylie Creek	0 4 9	0 5 4
Ovens Valley	0 6 0	—
Reform Tin (paid)	0 5 0	—
Stanthorpe	—	0 5 0
Tingha Tin	0 8 6	0 9 5
Turon River	0 8 6	0 9 0
Tasmania.		
Austral Valley	0 5 10	0 8 0
Curtin and Davis	0 1 3	—
Mount Lyell	2 13 0	2 17 0
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Brilliant Central	0 7 0	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	—	0 0 9
Kelly's Queen Block	0 5 10	0 6 6
Ditto, contributing	0 5 3	0 5 7
Marshall's Queen	0 2 0	—
Ditto, contributing	0 1 7	0 1 10
Mount Morgan	4 2 0	4 3 0
Queen Cross Reef	0 3 9	0 4 6
Ruby	0 3 7	0 4 0
Ditto, contributing	0 2 9	0 3 3
Victory	0 2 0	0 2 2
Gympie		
Columbia Extended	0 1 4	—
North Columbia and Smithfield No. 1	—	0 2 0
Ditto, No. 2	0 10 0	0 12 6
North Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	—	0 2 6
Oriental and Glanmire	0 3 7	0 3 11
Phoenix Eastern Tribute	0 0 1½	0 0 6
Phoenix Golden Pile	0 5 6	0 7 0
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 5 3	0 7 0
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 5 6	0 7 0
South Great Eastern, No. 2	—	0 10 0
Western Australia.		
Barrambie Ranges	1 3 9	1 6 0
Black Range	1 19 0	—
Chaffer's	—	0 1 9
Great Boulder	1 5 0	1 6 0
Ditto No. 1	0 6 2	0 6 6
Hainault	—	1 13 0
Lake View Consols, L.R.	—	0 18 0
Queensland Menzies	0 1 8½	0 1 9½
Queen Margaret	0 2 0	0 2 6

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Wallaroo and Moonta, £5 11s 3d, £5 11s 6d, £5 12s; North Nymagee, 1s 11d; Lloyd Copper, 18s 6d; Tasmanian Copper, 18s; Mount Morgan, 82s 6d; Mount Boppy, contg, 1s 7d, 1s 8d; Girilambone, 2s 6d; Mount Cannindah, 5s 10d; Mount Molloy, 25s 3d; Hampdens, 27s 1½d.

Silver.—Hercules (Tasmania), 22s 3d; B.H. Block 14, pref, 24s; ditto, ordinary, 26s; B.H. Junction North, 33s 6d; terms one month, 33s 6d, ordinary, 33s 4½d; B.H. South Blocks, 45s 3d.

Tin.—Gilmore Tin, 6s 3d.

Gold.—Chaffer's, 1s 3d; Harden West, contg, 2s; Ovens Valley, 6s 2d; Black Range (W.A.), 41s 6d, 41s 4½d; Mount David, 10d.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Mount Molloy, 25s 6d, 25s 3d, 24s 9d, 24s 6d, 24s 9d.

Silver.—C.S.A. Mines (paid), 29s; Broken Hills, 95s; B.H. Junction North, terms one month, 33s 4½d, 33s 5d; B. H. South (paid), £7 6s 6d.

Tin.—Gilmore Tin, 6s 3d; Dalziells Tin, 8s 7d; Dead Finish, £14 10s, in small lots.

Gold.—Baker's Creek, 5s; Ruby (contg), 3s 6½d; Great Boulder No. 1, 6s 3d; South Glanmire, 6s 6d.

MINING NOTES.

The Mount Lyell Company has consigned 2113 tons of blister copper for the current half-year.

During last month the Lloyd Copper Company treated 4035 tons of ore, and produced 123 tons of copper, or a shade over 3 per cent. per ton of ore dealt with. The expenditure for the month was £7100.

The mill of the Broken Hill South Company last week treated 4180 tons of crude ore, producing 671 tons concentrates, assaying 70 per cent. lead, 16oz silver, and 6 per cent. zinc.

The ground treated last week by the Jembaicumbene Middle Ground Dredging Company was nearly all solid, and fairly shallow, its average depth being about 13 feet. There was a good week's dredging, although clay began to make its appearance, but so far it is not very troublesome.

For the week ended the 2nd instant, the dredge of the Cope's Creek Company had a satisfactory run, working 116 hours, for a yield of six tons of ore. The dredge will be occupied in treating further overburden and concentrates during the next week. Some 6 tons 10cwt 3qrs 9lb of tin were despatched yesterday morning.

The operations of the Harden Gold Mine last month embraced the treatment of 1014 tons of ore for a yield of 583oz 8dwt of bullion, worth £3 17s 7d per oz. There were cyanided 774 tons sand for a yield of 101oz 10dwt of bullion, worth £3 5s per oz. At the same time, 14 tons 18cwt of concentrates, containing 109oz 16dwt 6gr of fine gold were sold, realising £377 7s 10d net.

"During the fortnight ended 4th inst furnace ran 329 hours. Smelted 660 tons of ore, and 313 tons of flux sulphides, also a quantity of matte from reserves, containing 16 tons of metal, the total product being 57 tons 14cwt of blister copper." The above were the terms of a telegram from the secretary of the Mount Molloy Company posted yesterday at the Stock Exchange.

A rumour was current yesterday that another offer has been made to purchase the Budgery Mines' lease and plant. It is stated that the would-be purchaser offers to pay £70,000 in cash, to give the company 70,000 fully paid up shares, and to set aside £50,000 as working capital. It was also rumoured that a second offer has been made for the mine by another buyer.

The value of Barrambie Ranges shares sagged considerably yesterday on a report being received that from the 7th to the 28th February 274 tons of ore were crushed for a yield of 300oz off plates, and that the stopes are showing fair gold. On Tuesday sales were booked at 25s 6d, the previous one, some time ago, being 32s. Yesterday sellers were prepared to accept 26s, but buyers would not go beyond 23s 6d.

The operations of the Amalgamated Tin-dredging Company during the past week were as follows:—No. 1 dredge sluiced 141 hours, obtaining 3 tons 9cwt, making a total for February of 9 tons 19cwt tin. No. 2 dredge obtained 17cwt; total for the month of February, 7 tons 4cwt. Been engaged shifting dredge. No. 3 dredge sluiced 60 hours, obtaining 2 tons 8cwt; total for the month of February 4 tons 4cwt.

Offers of 95s were made yesterday for shares in the C.S.A. North Silver-mining Company, but sellers held for £5. Possibly the inquiry is due to the fact that the manager has at 300ft started to crosscut for the reef. A crosscut at 200ft cut a lode formation, but of no value. The shaft at 292ft then passed through veins of grey ore, and the directors are hopeful that these will make into a strong lode in the 300ft crosscut.

The sixth half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Queen Bee Copper-mining Company was held at the company's office, Wrightville, on the 28th ult., when the directors' report and balance-sheet for the half-year ended December 31, 1906, were adopted. The retiring directors, Messrs. J. R. Ratcliffe and T. E. Farquhar, were re-elected unopposed, and the retiring auditors, Messrs. H. R. Treatt and G. Marshe, were also re-elected.

The latest report from the manager of the Woodlark Island gold mine states:—"New shaft: A chamber and drive have been put in on the west side of the shaft, 26ft. This has been timbered up and a dam formed, thus intercepting nearly all the water. The pump has been fixed, and is at work. We have very little water to trouble up now in the sink. Shaft continued 14ft below chamber; total depth 192ft. Now that we have so little water I anticipate sinking at least 35ft per month. In accordance with instructions, sinking of the shaft and all work except cyanide treatment, and absolutely necessary maintenance and pumping, have been suspended. Cyaniding: For the four weeks ended 26th January 960 tons of tailings were treated for a recovery of 26wt 23gr, equal to 11s 10d per ton." Of the lowest level (400ft) in the Kulumadau mine, he writes: "There is some very good ore on their northern boundary, going into our p.c. ground."

MINING IN THE STATE.

KIANDRA, Wednesday.

At Winckler and Pattinson's hydraulic elevator two shifts are employed. A large area of land is being sluiced away. Water for mining purposes is scarce throughout the district.

At the warden's court to-day, an application for a suspension of labour covenants, on the ground of insufficient water, was granted to George Hancox for his claim at Tumut River.

WOLUMLA, Wednesday.

The crushing put through at the Wolumla Gold Mines battery for the New Venture Syndicate (40 tons) gave a return of over 18dwts per ton over the plates.

The Ocean Vein Syndicate has commenced the erection of a cyanide plant in connection with its battery.

The Wolumla Gold Mines, Limited, is continuing development work in different portions of the mine.

HARDEN GOLD MINE, LIMITED.

The third half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Harden Gold Mine, Limited, was held yesterday afternoon at Falmouth-chambers, Pitt-street.

Mr. A. W. Freeman presided, and in moving the adoption of the directors' report and balance-sheet, stated that the crosscut from the bottom of the shaft (300ft) was expected to reach the reef in about a week's time. Should it prove to be payable, a new main shaft will be sunk, as the present one would necessitate too much crosscutting. The working costs for the half-year averaged £1 11s 8d per ton of ore, and had been reduced for January and February to 19s 11d and 19s 9d respectively. The dividend of 6d per share should be maintained indefinitely. It was hardly likely to be increased, though it should be possible to pay an occasional bonus.

The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, Mr. A. W. Freeman, who retired from the board by rotation, was re-elected. Mr. Solling was also re-elected auditor for the ensuing year.

THE COBAR FIELD.

COBAR, Wednesday.

The shaft at the Baalgammon property is now down 25ft, with a very nice ironstone and gossan lode in the bottom, over 2ft wide.

The shaft at the Great Western Copper mine (Girilambone) is now down 60ft. The directors are to visit the mine re sending ore away.

MOUNT BISCHOFF MINE.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The output of tin from the Mount Bischoff mine for February was 55 tons, with a small quantity left on the floor as a start for this month. At the battery 55 heads of stamps are in full work. The faces throughout the mine show low-grade operations. A start has been made to clean out the old wheel adits where the prospects appear favourable.

MOUNT MAGNET MINE.

ZEEHAN, Wednesday.

An additional 18 inches of metal are now showing at the No. 7 level of the Mount Magnet mine. The ore is worth about 45oz. The face is still in ore. Eager's trench shows a 25ft lode of low-grade gossan and milling ore.

THE BUDGERY FIELD.

COBAR, Monday.

The work on the Budgery mines for last week has been all development. The face of the south-east crosscut is still in good grade ore. A chamber is now being cut ready for starting to sink a winze. There is no change in No. 1 rise. The bottom of the No. 1 winze (surface) is in slate and ironstone.

At the Mount Budgery mine, the shaft has been sunk to 45ft. The country is similar to all around here, the bottom showing slate and bands of quartz.

At the South Budgery mine the No. 1 shaft is down 33ft, and No. 2 shaft 3ft. Costeening on Nos. 4 and 6 blocks has been continued.

CADIA COPPER MINE.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The manager reports that the north drive in No. 3 winze is in 57ft, good quality ore, the full depth of the drive. The No. 2 west drive in No. 2 winze is in 60ft. It is improving in quality as they go forward, and is showing more native copper. Ore is showing 3ft thick, of good quality, on the south side of No. 3 winze. The No. 2 west drive in No. 1 winze is extended 72ft, with the face showing good grade furnace ore.

The faces in south-west drive, and also the south drive in the adit level, are showing good quality furnace ore. The stopes are producing good quality ore right throughout the mine. No. 1 shaft is down 92ft 6in, with the lode quality same as last report. The south drive in Chilcott shaft extended 34ft, with face showing good grade ore for full width of the drive. The west drive in Big Engine Shaft in 6ft on a low grade sulphide. The surface work is progressing favourably.

The despatches for the week were 1860 bags, leaving 720 bags on the stage. Some 112 tons of ore were smelted during the week, and 10 tons of 49 per cent. matte were produced. The manager has started to get ready for the erection of the third furnace.

CANGAI COPPER COMPANY.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

The weekly report of the Cangai Copper Company shows that adit A has been driven to 200ft, B level to 441ft, E level to 98ft, and F level to 135ft. On No. 3 section the winze has been sunk 30ft. There is good sulphide ore in the bottom the full width of the winze. In the back of B level the main stope has attained a width of 12ft of good sulphide ore, and in both E and F levels veins of sulphide ore and calcite are showing in the face.

MINING AROUND ORANGE.

ORANGE, Saturday.

At the Pride of the Hills mine, Rosedale, the timbering of the main shaft was commenced on February 18, and 80ft has been completed. The cutting down of the shaft from the 80ft to the 150ft level commences to-day. When completed a pump will be placed in the shaft, ladders adjusted, and poppetheads erected.

During the past few weeks the directors of the Cadia Hill G.M. Company have put a quantity of surface material through the battery, 1dwt per ton being secured. The sands assayed 2dwt 8 grains. The test is believed to prove that only direct cyaniding is suitable for this stone. The erection of the cyaniding plant is being hurried on. The directors expect to commence operations in a fortnight's time.

BROKEN HILL MINING.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The Old Rupee mine, now owned by the B.H. Lead and Zinc Company, is being speedily got ready for active work.

The British Broken Hill mill worked full time last week, but did not reach 3000 tons. In the stopes, development work was more important than usual. No. 104 bore at the 800ft level was stopped after going 500ft, and a new bore started. A new bore was also started at Howell's, at the 600ft level. The Marsh shaft is almost complete to the 500ft level.

BROKEN HILL BLOCK 14 MINE.

The Broken Hill Block 14 mine did good work last week, all carbonate stopes showing better grade ore, although the average broken was only 36 per cent. lead. The north-east stope in the 100ft level shows 43 per cent. ore, and the Klondyke stope gave 12 per cent. ore. The north-eastern stope at that level produced ore worth 50 per cent. lead and 7oz silver. All the sulphide workings are showing good ore, especially at the 500ft level, where the ore goes 16½ per cent. The face of the north drive at the 600ft level shows 8ft of 12 per cent. ore, though 10ft back from the face the bulk sample gave 26 per cent. ore.

B.H. SOUTH MINE.

The B.H. South mine continues to do big development work. The upper levels are all showing well, also the lower levels. The west crosscut off the north drive, at 970ft, is in ore going 23 per cent. lead, 16oz silver, and 17 per cent. zinc. The other crosscut at this level also shows high grade ore.

ZINC CONCENTRATION.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Messrs. Hoover and Loring, of Bewick, Moreing Co., and the Zinc Corporation, left for Melbourne to-night. Mr. Hoover says Mr. Queneau has not resigned from the Zinc Corporation. Speaking about the South Blocks mine, Mr. Hoover said the mill was working very successfully, securing a high recovery. Before long the plant would be treating 2500 tons weekly. A large winding engine has been ordered for the main shaft, and when erected development work would be pushed on. It was also intended to quickly deepen the shaft to 1500 or 1800 feet.

THE HILLGROVE FIELD.

PRICE OF ANTIMONY FALLEN.

ANTIMONY MINING STILL ACTIVE.

HILLGROVE, Tuesday.

Last week the battery of the Baker's Creek Company crushed with 20 head of stampers on day shift only. At No. 17 level the crosscut has been advanced 66ft, and cut Smith's reef at 316ft from the shaft. The reef is 8in wide, and payable. The winze on Smith's reef from No. 16 to No. 17 level was deepened to 50ft 6in. Stoping is being carried on as usual.

The price of antimony has fallen, though it is believed only temporarily. Several buyers have ceased to operate, and not many sales were effected. Miners are disposed to hold on to their stocks in hope of a rise. About six tons of sulphide ore were brought into town from antimony claims at Guy Fawkes, and submitted to auction on Saturday morning. Mr. Thomas Keys (for Lempriere and Co.) purchased five tons at £21 per ton; the remainder was bought by Mr. C. W. Burrowes (Dalgety and Co.) at £21 12s 6d per ton. Mr. W. H. Lovely, manager of the Balmain Smelting Company, visited Hillgrove during the week, and effected several purchases of the metal, both raw and smelted, amounting to about 30 tons. Mr. R. Brereton, also from Sydney, purchased about 20 tons.

At the antimony mines on the Freehold Estate the main shaft has been completed to 200ft, and a chamber cut. Contracts have been let for driving on the vein, also a crosscut to No. 2 lode. The second furnace is completed, and will be ready for smelting in about 10 days. A small furnace for treating the oxide will be erected. Fifty-five tons of crude ore were shipped from this mine last month to London.

A fair quantity of scheelite was purchased through the week, the highest price paid being £112 per ton.

Antimony mining continues active at Metz, and a number of claims are on good ore.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated (col.), b 22s 6d, s 23s; Perseverance (col.), 7s 7d, b 7s 7d, s 7s 8d; Cumberland, 4s 3½d, 4s 4d, b 4s 3d, s 4s 4d; Great Boulder, 25s 10½d, b 25s 10½d, s 26s; Golden Ridge, b 9s, s 10s; Hainault, b 30s, s 31s 6d; Lake View Consols (col.), b 15s 9d, s 16s 6d; Mararoa, 5s 9d, b 5s 8d, s 5s 10d; Oroya, b 38s 3d, s 38s 6d; Gwalia, 18s 3d, b 18s, s 18s 6d; South Kalgurli, b 11s, s 14s 6d, Victory, 4s 1½d, 3s 11d, b 3s 10d, s 4s.

Various: Baker's Creek, 4s 11d, 5s, b 4s 11d, s 5s 1d; Mascotte, b 1s 7d, s 1s 9d; Tarcoola Blocks, 1s 1d, b 1s, s 1s 2d.

Silver: British (old), 39s 6d, b 39s 3d, s 39s 6d; ditto (new), b 36s 9d, s 37s 3d; Block 10, b £5 11s 6d, s £5 12s; Block 14, pref. (col.), 24s 6d, 24s 9d, b 24s 6d, s 25s; ditto, ord. (col.), 26s, b 26s, s 26s 3d; Broken Hills, 95s 6d, 94s 6d, b 94s 6d, s 95s; Zinc Corporation, 27s; Junction North, 33s 1½d, 33s, b 33s, s 33s 1½d; B.H. Souths (contg.), £7 5s, £7 6s, b £7 5s, s £7 6s; B.H. South Blocks, 45s 3d, 44s 6d, b 44s, s 44s 6d; Sulphides (ord.), 19s, b 19s, s 19s 3d; Cathcart, b 55s, s £5.

Copper: Burra (paid), 6s 1d, b 5s 11d, s 6s 1d; ditto (contg), 5s 6d, 5s 8d, 5s 6d, b 5s 6d, s 6s 8d; Chillagoe, 10s 3d, 10s 4½d, b 10s 3d, s 10s 4½d; Ruddigore, £15, £14 10s, b £14 5s, s £14 10s; Hamley, b 8s 6d, s 8s 9d; Hampden, 27s 1½d, 26s 6d, b 26s 3d, s 26s 6d; Kapunda (contg), 3s 5d, 3s 2d, b 3s 2d, s 3s 5d; Molloy's (paid), 25s, 24s 8d, b 24s 6d, s 24s 9d; Mungana, 11s 1½d, 11s, b 11s, s 11s 1½d; Mutooroo (contg), b 6s 3d, s 7s; ditto North, b £9, s £11; O.K. (paid), 14s, 13s 9d, b 13s 9d, s 13s 10½d; Wallaroo, £5 12s; Boolcumba, £10, £11; Obagooma, b £14, s £20; Mount Hope (contg), 6s 11d, b 6s 10d, s 6s 11d.

Tin: Dalziell, b 8s 3d, s 8s 5d; Gladstone, b £15, s £15 10s; Smith's Creek, 7s 9d, b 7s 8d, s 7s 10d; Stannary Hills, 5s 7d, 5s 4d, b 5s 4d, s 5s 5d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Chillagoe, contg, b 9s 5d, s 9s 9d; contg, forward, b 10s, s 10s 1d; Glassford, b 2s 8½d, s 2s 9d; Gilmore, s 6s 6d; Hampden, paid, s 28s; Cannindah, b 5s 9½d, s 5s 10d; forward, b 5s 10½d, s 5s 11d; Elliott, b 90s, s 95s; Hector, contg, b 40s, s 42s; Merlin, contg, b £9, s £9 10s; Molloy, b 24s 6d, s 25s 6d; O.K., forward, b 13s 11d, s 14s 2d; Peak Downs, contg, b 58s 6d, s 60s; contg, forward, b 59s, s 61s; paid, b 61s; paid, forward, b 61s 6d; Phoenician, contg, b 3s 6½d, s 4s; Stannary, b 5s 6d; Willcocks, s £29, paid b £29, s £30; Warminster, contg, s £32; Kroombit Copper, b 25s.

Sales: Chillagoe, 9s 6d; Glassford, 2s 8½d; Cannindah, 5s 8½d, 5s 9d, 5s 9½d, 9s 10d; forward, 5s 10d, 5s 10½d; Merlin, contg, £9 5s; Mungana, 11s; Peak Downs, contg, 57s, 58s; contg, forward, 58s, 59s 6d.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations and sales:—

Catherine Reef United, b 39s, s 41s, sales 40s; Clarence United, s 21s 6d; Collman and Tacchi, b 8s, s 9s; Frederick the Great, b 10d, s 1s 4d; Goldfields Consols, b 14s 2d, s 14s 6d; Goldfields Extended, s 2s 6d; Hustler's Reef, b 20s 6d, s 22s; Johnson's Reef, b 5s 6d; Koch's Pioneer, b 7s 6d, s 10s 3d; New Chum Railway, b 12s, s 17s; New Chum Goldfields, b 18s, s 19s 7½d; New Moon, s £6; New Moon Consols, s 5s 6d; New Shenandoah, b 3s 6d, s 3s 9d; North Bendigo, s 8s 6d; North Johnson's, b 1s 8d, s 2s 6d; Princess Dagmar, s 3s 1d; Sea, s 8s 1½d; South New Moon, b 38s, s 43s; Suffolk United, b 6s, s 9s 3d; Williams' United, s 20s.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—B. Central, s 8s; B. Extended, 6s, 7s; ditto, paid, b 9s 6d; Carrington, 5s 6d, 6s; Deep Levels, 3s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s 8d; Mexican, 2s 6d, 2s 10d; ditto, paid, s 6s 9d; Alexandra, 3s 3d, 3s 5d; ditto, paid, 4s 6d, 5s 6d; Kelly's, 5s 3d, 5s 6d; ditto, paid, s 6s 3d; Marshall's, 1s 8d, 1s 11d; ditto, paid, b 2s 6d; Mills', 17s, 18s; New B. Freehold, 2s, 2s 4½d; New Queen, 1s 9d, 2s; Phoebe, 1s 1d, 1s 2d; Q. Cross, 4s, 4s 4d; Q. Central, s 2s 6d; ditto, paid, s 3s 4d; Ruby, 3s 1d, 3s 3d; ditto, paid, b 3s 8d.

Sales: Brilliant, 2s; Kelly's, 5s 5d; Mills' 17s 6d; New Queen, 1s 9d; Pfeiffer's, 3s 10d; Phoebe, 1s 2d; Quinn's, 1s 1d to 1s 3d; Mount Molloy, 26s.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Oriental Consols, 5½d. Quotations: Columbia Smithfield, 11½d, 1s 3d; No. 1 Columbia, 1s 4½d, 1s 8d; Columbia Extended, 1s 3d, 1s 8d; Monklands, 6s 9d, 8s; No. 1 South Great Eastern, 1s 0½d, 1s 6d; Great Northern, 2s 7d, 2s 11d; Oriental and Glanmire, 3s 10d, 4s 1d; Oriental Extended, paid, 6d, 1s; East Oriental, paid, 7d, 1s; ditto contg, 2½d, 4d; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, 3½d 4½d.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

Tasmania, b 18s 9d; Magnet, b 25s 6d; North Farrell, b 20s 6d, s 21s; Hercules, b 20s, s 21s; Mt. Lyell, b 55s; Tasmanian Copper, b 15s 9d, s 16s; Mt. Bischoff, b £24, s £25 10s; Arba, b 21s, s 22s; Pioneer, b £3 10s, s £9.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: Block 10, £5 10s, b £5 10s; British Broken Hill, b 38s 6d; Broken Hill, b 94s 6d, s 95s 6d; Junction North, 33s 1½d 33s, b 33s, s 33s 3d; B.H. South, £7 5s 6d, b £7 4s 6d, s £7 5s 6d; ditto paid, b £7 14s, s £8; B.H. South Blocks, 44s 9d, b 44s 6d, s 44s 9d; New White Leads, b 7d; North Broken Hill, b 80s, s 82s 6d; Sulphides, s 21s.

Gold and copper: Mount Lyell, 55s 9d, b 55s 9d, s 56s; ditto Blocks, s 6s 6d; ditto Consols, 4s, 4s 2d, b 4s 2d, s 4s 4d; ditto, paid, 4s 5d, 4s 6d, b 4s 5d, s 4s 6d; Tasman and Crown Extended, 2s 10d, b 2s 10d, s 2s 11d; ditto, paid, 2s 9d, 2s 10d, 2s 9d, s 2s 9d; Victorian Zeehan, paid, 1s 1d, b 1s; Hampden, 27s, 26s 9d, b 26s 7½d, s 26s 10½d; Leichhardt, s £50; Macgregor, 12s, 11s 10d, b 11s 9d, s 12s; Mount Elliott, b 90s, s 91s 6d; Mount Hope, 7s, 6s 6d, b 6s 6d, s 6s 7d; ditto, paid, b 6s 6d, s 6s 9d; Mount Molloy, 24s 6d, 24s, b 24s, s 24s 3d; Munganas, 11s 1d, b 11s, s 11s 2d; O.K., s 14s 6d; ditto (Adelaide register), 14s, b 13s 10d, s 13s 11d; ditto (Queensland register), s 14s; Peak Downs, b 60s; Crowl Creek, b 6s 1d; Mount Morgan, b 81s, s 84s.

Tin: Briseis, 13s 1d, b 13s, s 13s 3d; ditto Extended, b 45s; Cope's Creek Central, b 19s; ditto pref., b 21s, s 25s 6d; Melbourne Cope's Creek, 13s 6d, b 13s 3d; ditto, paid, b 13s; Mount Pleasant, Taimaimo, b 10s; Weldbrook, 41s, b 40s, s 42s.

Victorian gold mines: Blue Ribbon, 1s, b 1s, s 1s 3d; Bromley's Reef, 4s 9½d, 4s 9d, b 4s 9d, s 4s 10d; Catherine Reef, 40s, 39s 9d, s 30s 6d; Central Cookman's, 7s 10d, 7s 9d, b 7s 8d, s 7s 10d; Central Plateau, 2s 6d, b 2s 3d, s 2s 6d; Chalk's, No. 3, 8s; Frenchman's Reef, 1s 2d, s 1s 6d; Glenfine, s 8s; Hustler's Reef, b 20s; Lady Nelson, 4s, b 3s 10d, s 4s; Long Tunnel, 90s, 89s, b 89s, s 90s; ditto Extended, £13, £13 2s, b £13 1s; Melville Star, 2s 3d, s 2s 6d; Mount Tarrangower, 1s 1d, b 1s, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, 1s 9d, b 2s, s 2s 6d; New Alabama, 1s 6d, b 1s 6d, s 1s 7d; New Argus, b 23s, s 24s 6d; New Dempsey, s 10s; New Loch Fyne, s 2s 9d; New Moon, £5 15s, £5 14s, b £5 10s; New Moon United, 3s 8d, 3s 4d; Nuggety Ajax, 22s 9d, 23s 9d, b 23s, s 23s 6d; ditto, paid, 6s 2d; Old Caledonia, b 6d, s 1s; Old Jubilee, b 2s 10d, s 2s 11d; Poseidon, 1s 7d, b 1s 6½d; Pitcher's Reef, 2s 2d, b 2s 1d, s 2s 4d; Russell's Reef, 4s 5d, b 4s 4d, s 4s 9d; Slater and Welsh, 3s 8d; South German, 46s, 40s, b 40s, s 41s; South New Moon, 63s, 62s, b 61s, s 63s; South Victorian Cornish, 1s 9d, 1s 10d, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10d; Victor Quartz, 4s 4½d, 4s 2d, b 4s 1d, s 4s 2d.

Western Australian gold mines: Barrambie Ranges, 25s, 24s 4½d, b 24s 3d, s 24s 4½d; Barrambie, b 5s, s 6s 3d; Black Range, 41s, 41s 6d, b 41s 3d, s 41s 6d; Havilah, 23s, b 22s 9d, s 24s; Tindal, b 9d.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Friday.

Crosscutting is now in progress at the 1670ft level of the Ivanhoe mine. Sinking will be resumed a few weeks hence, and the next level will be driven at 1820ft. The south drive on the middle lode, at the 1519ft level, is now in 132ft; last 30ft driven averaging 100s worth of gold per ton. The south drive on the east lode at this level is in 159ft; values averaging for most of the distance 55s per ton the full width of the drive, while a strong body of ore is still standing on the east wall.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday were the following:—Zinc Corporation (ord.), 28s; Great Cobar, Limited, £11 12s 6d; Loddon, 27s 6d; Consolidated Deep Lead 4s 6d; Mount Morgan, 83s 9d; Cattlin, 27s 6d; Mount Lyell, 53s 9d (m); Associated, 22s 6d (m); Mount Elliott, 90s (m); Hampden, 26s 3d (m); Broken Hill, 95s 7½d (m); B.H. Block 10, £5 11s 3d (m); North Broken Hill, 81s 3d (m); British Broken Hill (old), s 40s.

LONDON, March 6.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b £4 13s 9d, s £4 16s 3d; British Broken Hill, b £1 18s 9d, s £2 1s 3d; Block 10, b £5 11s 3d, s £5 13s 9d; North Broken Hill, b £4, s £4 2s 6d; South Broken Hill, b £7 13s 9d, s £7 16s 3d Mount Lyells, b £2 13s, s £2 14s.

MINING DIVIDENDS.

Dividends have been declared, payable on the dates mentioned hereunder. C. denotes when transfer books close, and P. when payable.

NEW SOUTH WALES.	s	d
North Broken Hill, C. April 5, P. April 16	2	3
New Wylie Creek, P. March 7	0	2
Cope's Creek Dredging, P. March 8	0	6
Cope's Creek Central (pref.), C. March 20, P. March 27	0	6
B. H. Block 10, C. March 13, P. March 27	6	0
Tingha Cons., C. Feb. 21, P. March 7	10 per cent.	
Yerranderie, P. March 13	1	6
VICTORIA.		
Victoria United, C. March 5, P. March 11	0	6
Jubilee, P. March 15	1	0
Ajax, C. March 12, P. March 19	2	0
Birthday Tunnel, C. March 9, P. March 13	0	6
Phoenix Dredging, C. March 1, P. March 7	1	0
QUEENSLAND.		
North Smithfield, P. March 8	0	6
Brilliant St. George United	0	9
Kelly's Queen Block, C March 4, P. March 11	0	6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Kalgurli, P. April 6	7	6
Black Range, P. March 8	0	6
Great Boulder Perseverance, P. March 14	0	6
Great Boulder, C. March 2, P. March 25	0	9
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		
Wallaroo and Moonta, P. March 20	5	0
TASMANIA.		
New Bros.' Home, No. 1, C. March 20, P. March 27	0	6

PRESS CRICKET JUBILEE.

A MATCH OF 50 YEARS AGO.

What was doubtless the first press cricket match played in Sydney—Mr. Ironsides, who forwards us the scores, regards it as the initiation of press contests in N.S.W.—took place on the Outer Domain on March 7, 1857, so that to-day is the jubilee of the event. The rival teams represented the "Sydney Morning Herald" Club and the Caxton (Government Printing Office) Club respectively. The stake was a new ball, which, in those early days, occupied a somewhat analogous place in the world of the popular field sport to the harmless new hat which in any sort of contest, either then or now, does not involve any desecration of the canons of amateurism. What nowadays is called a "rot" appears to have set in when the first batsmen went to the wickets, and continued not merely throughout the innings but almost throughout the whole match. Perhaps this may charitably be attributed to the ground, for the old Domain had no Bulli soil billiard-tables pitches. Five of the "Herald" batsmen failed to score in the first innings, two of them made 1 each, and the total innings, including two byes, amounted to 18. In their second innings, the number of duck-eggs was reduced to two, but six batsmen only just managed to "break their duck," and, thanks to a great innings by Spilsbury for 11, and an equally astonishing stand by Bancroft for 9, the second innings yielded 34, including five byes. Caxton made 35 in their first innings, to which two batsmen contributed 26—a performance that must have had a demoralising effect on the field. Worse still for the newspaper men, Caxton made 21 for two wickets in the second innings, and won the match, and the new ball, by eight wickets and 4 runs. Scores:—

Sydney Morning Herald.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
W. M'Knight, run out	0	b Kellick	1
S. Bancroft, b Kellick	0	b Kellick	9
J. Alliband, b D'Arrietta	1	b Kellick	0
— Gregory, run out	0	b Kellick	1
G. Spilsbury, b Kellick	0	c Myrtle	11
G. Eid, c M'Cracken	7	c D'Arrietta	1
J. Wallace, c Nash	3	b D'Arrietta	1
C. Belford, c and b Kellick	1	b D'Arrietta	1
F. Musgrave, c D'Arrietta	2	b D'Arrietta	1
C. Prince, not out	0	not out	0
J. Yarnton, b D'Arrietta	2	b D'Arrietta	0
Byes	2	Byes	5
Total	18	Total	34

Caxton.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F. J. Ironside, b Spilsbury	12		
H. Martyn, b Bancroft	1		
W. D'Arrietta, b Bancroft	2	not out	5
G. Kellick, c Gregory	14	b Bancroft	10
W. Nash, b Spilsbury	1	b Spilsbury	1
J. Myrtle, b Spilsbury	0	not out	5
C. Broomfield, b Spilsbury	0		
T. Adams, b Spilsbury	1		
T. M'Cracken, not out	0		
G. Chapman, b Bancroft	1		
J. Dutton, b Bancroft	1		
Byes	0	Byes	1
Total	35	Two wickets for	21

When the proper dose of Chamberlain's Tablets is taken their action is so natural that one can hardly realise it is the effect of a medicine. Sold everywhere at 1s 6d.—Advt.

The "Sydney Mail" of this week specially illustrates the Great Boat Race on the Nepean last Saturday.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The latest scratchings in connection with the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting are:—Champagne Stakes: Selah, Tallarook, Alibi. Sires' Produce Stakes: Alibi, Ambassador.

Nimitybelle J.C. meeting, to be held on April 1, has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Weights for the Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup are likely to be declared to-day.

BATHURST TURF CLUB.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

A meeting of members of the Bathurst Turf Club was held last night, when it was decided to hand over £100 which it had to its credit to trustees of the Bathurst racecourse for the purpose of making a tan track in the new course.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following V.R.C. scratchings were recorded to-day:—All engagements: Isisford, Spy Craft. Autumn Handicap: Booran. Pines Hurdle Race: Prestonpans, Brilliance, Adjuster. Nursery Handicap: Carrie, Lady Orzil. River Handicap: Prestonpans.

V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

ANTICIPATIONS BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The V.R.C. Autumn Meeting will be advanced another stage at Flemington to-morrow, and indications this evening favour a continuance of the fine, pleasant weather experienced to-day. An interesting programme has been framed for what is known as the "off day" of the reunion, and which includes a contest over battens, a couple of w.f.a. races over a mile and two miles, a race for two-year-olds, and a couple of long-distance handicaps, while racegoers will have an opportunity of seeing that great colt Poseidon again under silk. The tracks should be in splendid condition, and high-class sport may be anticipated.

Racing commences at 1.30 p.m. with the Pines Hurdle Race, in which Florin, Regret, Eucambene, and Skibo seem to have the best prospects, while Skibo, Regret, and Eucambene may pass the post as named. Step Out, Ellis, Ebullition, and Collarit should fight out the battle for the All-aged Stakes, and the numbers may go up for Collarit, Step Out, and Ellis. Misty Morn, Proceeder, Kaffirpan, Dyed Garments, and Mira should have the settlement of the Autumn Handicap among them, and Dyed Garments, Kaffirpan, and Mira may get home in that order. A large field may be anticipated for the Nursery Handicap, and the race wears a very open appearance, but the most likely to run forward are Lady Rylstone, Lady Diffidence, Orfano, Pospolite, and Woorooma, and the places may be occupied by Orfano, Woorooma, and Lady Rylstone. Poseidon should have no difficulty in annexing the Loch Plate, and the colt may be escorted home by Dividend and May King. Another large muster may be expected at the post for the River Handicap, in which Kaffirpan, Tulkeroo, Mira, Melodrama, and Lady Esme seem to have fair chances. If reserved for it, Mira should about win, and she may be followed home by Tulkeroo and Lady Esme. The programme is appended:—

PINES HURDLE RACE—2m.

	st lb		st lb
Florin	13 9	Eurambeen	9 11
Regret	12 10	Holdsberg	9 11
Tenakoe	11 8	Sir Peter Teazle	9 9
Alcine	10 10	Sirenis	9 9
Firelight	10 10	St. Elma	9 0
Designer	10 2	Red Fly	9 0
Eucambene	10 2	Fingal	9 0
Skibo	9 12		

ALL-AGED STAKES—1m.

	st lb		st lb
Step Out	9 1	Melodrama	8 6
Corroboree	9 1	Booran	8 6
Curtain Lecture	9 1	Ebullition	8 6
Pompous	9 0	Antonicus	8 6
North Head	9 0	Banzai	8 6
May King	8 12	Iolaire	8 6
Red Streak	8 12	Poseidon	8 6
Ellis	8 6	Collarit	8 5

AUTUMN HANDICAP—1m 5f.

	st lb		st lb
Dividend	9 7	Sinoda	7 10
Misty Morn	9 3	Benbow	7 10
Red Streak	9 1	Scorcher	7 9
Proceeder	8 12	Pompous	7 4
Blue Spec	8 10	Rhubarb	7 3
Kaffirpan	8 7	Lady Esme	7 0
Pius	8 5	Charmant	6 10
Realm	8 5	Vim	6 8
Tulkeroo	8 3	Barrenjoey	6 7
Dyed Garments	8 1	Kalmuck	6 7
Ellis	8 1	Becky	6 7
Revenue	8 1	Moani	6 7
Mira	7 13	Rivanche	6 7
Owlan	7 12	Alethea	6 7
Putty	7 12	Togo	6 7

NURSERY HANDICAP—6f.

	st lb		st lb
Mazarin	9 0	Melbourne	7 2
Maltsterdelle	8 12	Woorooma	7 2
Miss Maltster	8 12	El Ouzar	7 0
Pern	8 10	Conge D'Elire	7 0
Lady Diffidence	8 7	Glue	6 12
Verenice	8 4	Tinea	6 12
Dullius	8 2	Ulmarra	6 12
Lady Joan	7 11	Pretty Peg	6 11
Lady Rylstone	7 11	Memsie	6 11
Saraband	7 11	Moab	6 9
Savori	7 9	The Trout	6 7
Orfano	7 9	Juggle	6 7
Macpherson	7 7	Le Jeune	6 7
Pospolite	7 7	Silverlight	6 7
Mostyn Lass	7 5	Scotch	6 7

LOCH PLATE—2m.

	st lb		st lb
Dividend	9 4	Pius	8 11
Blue Spec	9 4	Antonious	8 0
Moani	9 1	Benbow	8 0
Proceeder	9 1	Barrenjoey	8 0
May King	9 1	Poseidon	8 0
Realm	9 0		

RIVER HANDICAP—1¼m.

	st lb		st lb
Red Streak	9 7	Charmant	7 0
North Head	9 3	Maninga	7 0
Kaffirpan	8 9	Position	7 0
Tulkeroo	8 9	Vim	6 13
Pius	8 9	Paraloch	6 12
Scotland	8 6	Heather Lad	6 12
Mira	8 6	Tom Moore	6 10
Sweetness	8 1	Tortive	6 10
Alexis	8 1	Staccato	6 7
Putty	8 1	Elysium	6 7
Melodrama	8 1	Kalmuck	6 7
Kildeen	7 13	Boldol	6 7
Lord Merv	7 13	Recherche	6 7
Benbow	7 12	Becky	6 7
Curtain Lecture	7 11	Moani	6 7
Lady Esme	7 6	Katenga	6 7
Green Mountain	7 6	Iliad	6 7
Betsy Burke	7 4	Lion	6 7

ASCOT RACES.

The Ascot R.C. was favoured with delightful weather for its meeting yesterday, and there was a large attendance. Results:—

Fourteen-three Handicap of 20 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs, 4½f.—T. Aucock's Tarawera, by Projectile—Loch Crystal, 8st (Whitehall), 1; Listymore, 8st 10lb (Connell), 2; Carlotta II., 7st 12lb (Logue), 3. Other starters: Sunflower, 8st 5lb; Glencoe, 8st 3lb; Lumpy, 8st; Worry, 8st; Little Blarney, 7st 9lb; Lady Betty, 7st 7lb; Sweet Rosie, 7st 7lb; Volley, 7st 7lb; Molla, 7st 7lb; Flying Colours, 7st 7lb; Oban, 7st 7lb; The Beaver, 7st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Listymore, 5 to 2 v Tarawera, 4 to 1 v Lumpy, 5 to 1 each v Sweet Rosie and Carlotta II., 10 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 56s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs, 5½f.—C. Cooper's Malahide, by Holbrook—Sylvia, 6st 7lb (Williams), 1; Albion II., 8st 4lb (Smith), 2; Colours, 8st 13lb (Kenny), 3. Other starters: Sygnet, 9st 5lb; Clarette, 9st 5lb; Refrain, 8st 7lb; Cambena, 7st 13lb; Parakeet, 7st 7lb; Beatrix, 7st 4lb; Bow Bell, 7st. Betting: 6 to 4 v Clarette, 2 to 1 v Beatrix, 5 to 1 v Colours, 8 to 1 each v Cambena and Parakeet, 10 to 15 to 1 each v others. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1m 7s.

Flying Handicap of 25 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs, 4½f.—First division: A. Jurd's Creeshna, by Guardsman, 7st 3lb (Fletcher), 1; Vanora, 7st 7lb (Logue), 2. Other starters: Recruit, 9st 2lb; Remark, 8st 13lb; Miss Kingsley, 8st 11lb; Gold Lead, 7st 12lb; King Olaf, 7st 10lb; Mr. Cochrane, 7st 8lb; Olive, 7st 4lb; Mulpera, 7st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Vanora, 7 to 2 v Creeshna, 4 to 1 v Mulpera, 5 to 1 v Mr. Cochrane, 6 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 54½s. Second division: C. Banks' Bismarck, by Fernando, 8st (Merritt), 1; Imperial, 7st 8lb (E. Smith), 2. Other starters: Opinion, 8st 13lb; Terara, 8st 11lb; Native Cat, 8st 4lb; Goldlock, 8st; Pearl Ash, 7st 11lb; Heather Flower, 7st 8lb; Grey Jim, 7st 7lb; Skylark, 7st 4lb; My Own, 7st 2lb; Grafter, 7st; Louise, 7st. Betting: 3 to 1 v Terara, 4 to 1 each v Bismarck and My Own, 5 to 1 v Grafter, 6 to 15 to 1 each v others. Won by half a head. Time, 54s. The owners of the division winners divided.

Thirteen-three Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs, 4½f.—J. Duncan (jun.'s) Tod, by Ennistymon—King's Own mare, 7st 11lb (Williams), 1; Scotch Mixture, 8st 6lb (Moy), 2; Dreadnought, 7st 10lb (Norris), 3. Other starters: Thespana, 9st 2lb; Beauty, 8st 9lb; Winifred, 8st 6lb; Melford, 8st 1lb; Wallace, 8st; Outcast, 7st 7lb; Rose Gray, 7st; Bonaparte, 7st; Delusion, 6st 12lb; The Fop, 6st 7lb. Betting: Even money on Scotch Mixture, 3 to 1 v Tod, 6 to 1 each v Wallace and Dreadnought, 7 to 20 to 1 each v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 55½s.

Novice Welter of 25 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs, 5½f.—G. Akins's Regret (late Fairlight), by Lochiel, 8st 5lb (Norris), 1; Freda, 8st (Connell), 2; Waverley, 8st 8lb (Whitehall), 3. Other starters: Grey Jim, 8st; Paladin, 8st 12lb; Mona, 8st 10lb; Lady Gold, 8st 7lb; Rouney, 8st 4lb; Gillie, 8st 4lb; Gradient, 8st 3lb; Hardy, 8st; May Belle, 8st; Paka, 8st; Crookhaven, 8st; B. Sharp, 8st; Silver Heels, 8st. Betting: 5 to 4 on Paladin, 5 to 1 v Hardy, 8 to 1 each v Waverley, Regret, and Freda, 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 6½s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 35 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs, 5½f.—J. Shepherd's Lady Wilton, by Hindoo (imp.)—Lena, 7st 7lb (Williams), 1; Lee Weller, 8st 6lb (Clifton), 2; The Duchess, 8st 8lb (Connell), 3. Other starters: Barney, 8st 6lb; Alice Moorefield, 8st 6lb; Allowrie, 7st 13lb; Rosalind, 7st 12lb; Reola, 7st 11lb; Ladybird, 7st 10lb; Report, 7st 8lb; St. John, 7st 7lb; Miss Havoc, 7st 5lb; Murmur, 6st 12lb; Nellie G., 6st 10lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Nellie G., 3 to 1 v Miss Havoc, 5 to 1 each v Report and Lady Wilton, 7 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 7½s.

Ascot Handicap of 65 sovs, second 10 and third 5 sovs, 6f.—W. M. Rose's Klarum, by Clarion—Freedom mare, 7st (Fletcher), 1; Generis, 7st (Williams), 2; Adorer, 8st 12lb (Clifton), 3. Other starters: Nestor, 8st 10lb; Bruell, 8st 5lb; Pegar, 8st 3lb; Blarney, 8st; Lamora, 7st 13lb; Coronation, 7st 9lb; Mr. Cochrane, 7st 8lb; Telowar, 7st 8lb; Heather Flower, 7st 8lb; Rebound, 7st 8lb; Madison, 7st 8lb; Konig, 6st 12lb; Comperfield, 6st 12lb; Sandringham, 6st 7lb; Zetland, 6st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Klarum, 4 to 1 v Pegar, 5 to 1 each v Lamora and Adorer, 7 to 1 v Telowar, from 10 to 1 each v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 18½s.

MAITLAND RACES.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The Maitland Racing Club's meeting at Rutherford to-day was well attended. The weather was fine, and there were good fields and excellent racing. Results:—

Novice Handicap of 25 sovs, 6f.—R. Hector's ch g Electrum, by Prince Chester—Clara, 5 yrs, 7st (Thompson), 1; J. Hartigan's b m Minx, aged, 8st, inc. 4lb over (Mackenzie), 2; E. Mcintosh's g g Rakuka, 6 yrs, 8st 4lb (Havord), 3. Other starters: Lady Carlyle, 7st; Lady Tristram, 8st, inc. 7lb penalty; Aino, 7st; Gembrook, 6st 7lb; Lady Loch, 6st 7lb; Argos, 6st 7lb; The Climax, 6st 7lb; Storm Queen, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 each v Lady Tristram and Minx, 4 to 1 v Rakuka, 5 to 1 v Electrum, 10 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 18½s.

Welter Handicap of 25 sovs, 6f.—Mrs. T. Cush's blk m Isauria, by Jeweller—Isis, 4 yrs, 8st (Gilmore), 1; J. S. O'Donnell's ch g Philatel, 6 yrs, 10st (Burke), 2; J. Hartigan's br g Repentant, 6 yrs, 8st 6lb (Thompson), 3. Other starters: First Consul, 9st 9lb; Prince Prosper, 9st 7lb; N. and R., 9st; Valnaut, 8st 12lb; New England, 8st 4lb; Similar, 7st 9lb; Granada, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Repentant, 4 to 1 v Philatel, 5 to 1 each v Isauria and Prince Prosper, 6 to 1 v N. and R., 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a quarter. Time, 1m 17½s.

March Handicap of 50 sovs, 1¼m.—D. Mullins, jun.'s blk m Sauce, by Holbrook—March Fly, 6 yrs, 7st (Byron), 1; J. S. O'Donnell's ch g Fascinator, aged, 7st 10lb (Mitten), 2; W. Gilmore, jun.'s b m Blue Wave, 5 yrs, 8st 13lb (Gilmore), 3. Other starters: Ruenalf II., 9st 5lb; Sarsfield, 8st 2lb; Mollyhawk, 8st 2lb; Levuka, 7st, inc. 4lb over; Assailant, 6st 7lb; Buddah, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Fascinator, 4 to 1 v Levuka, 5 to 1 each v Ruenalf II. and Blue Wave, 6 to 1 v Sauce, 10 to 1 v others. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 2m 12s.

Trial Handicap of 25 sovs, 6f.—P. Hitchin's gr g Bluey, by Scots Grey—Works mare, aged, 7st 4lb (Crebert), 1; E. Connor's ch m Miss Chance, 6yrs, 8st 4lb (Thompson), 2; P. M'Carthy's ch f Lady Tristram, 3yrs, 7st, incl. 7lb penalty (M'Carthy), 3. Other starters: Repentant, 9st 5lb; Rakuka, 8st 4lb; Similar, 8st 4lb; Brigantine, 7st 10lb; Floret, 7st 10lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v Brigantine, 4 to 1 v Repentant, 5 to 1 v Rakuka, 6 to 1 v Miss Chance, 10 to 1 v Bluey. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 18s.

Final Handicap, of 25 sovs, 7f.—P. M'Carthy's br g N. and R., aged, by Ruenalf—Lady Charmion, 9st (Simmons), 1; J. S. O'Donnell's ch g Philatel, 10st (Burke), 2; D. A. Smith's ch g Aino, 7st 7lb (Ruttley), 3. Other starters: Field Gun, 9st; New England, 8st 4lb; Kapai, 7st 10lb. Betting: Even money on Field Gun, 6 to 4 v Philatel, 7 to 1 v N. and R. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 33s. A complaint of foul riding was made against M'Kenzie, the rider of New England, in the last race, and after inquiry the committee disqualified him for three months.

KYOGLE RACES.

KYOGLE, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Kyogle Jockey Club was held to-day. The weather was fine and there was a good attendance. Results:—

Kyogle Purse.—Lady Hopetoun, 1; Sunblink, 2; Reflection, 3.

Trial Handicap.—Evening Star, 1; Bessie Brown, 2; Mysterious, 3.

Kyogle Jockey Club Handicap.—True Girl, 1; Lady Hopetoun, 2; Sunblink, 3.

Lady's Bracelet.—Mentor, 1; Evening Star, 2; Mysterious, 3.

Welter Handicap.—Bessie Brown, 1; Stellem, 2; Reflection, 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Peep o' Day, 1; Reeflection, 2; Misfortune, 3.

ORANGE JOCKEY CLUB.

ORANGE, Thursday.

The Orange annual races were concluded to-day in delightful weather. There were fine fields, and an excellent attendance. Results:—

Canoblas Handicap of 20 sovs, second 2 sovs, 6f.—Major Claude Smith's Boomey, 7st 13lb (Lamond), 1; W. Langby's Lifeboat, 8st 6lb (Pratt), 2; J. Boyle's Wexford, 8st 2lb (Meehan), 3. Time, 1m 19s.

Kangarobie Handicap of 20 sovs, second 2 sovs, 6f.—R. Stinson's Highzette, 7st 12lb (Mutton), 1; N. M'Kenna's Boronia, 7st 7lb (Lamond), 2; J. Boyd's Elma, 8st 8lb (Meehan), 3. Time, 1m 20s.

Orange Jockey Club Handicap of 45 sovs, second horse 5 sovs, 1m 1f.—J. and H. Taylor's Woodnote, by Woodlark—Black Bess, 7st 3lb (James), 1; Major Smith's The General, 8st 7lb (Lamond), 2; T. Mathe's Cadger, 7st (Davis), 3. Time, 2m 0½s.

Visitors' Handicap of 20 sovs, 6f.—J. Ayre's Pinnace, 8st (Luke), *; G. Longham's Barney, 8st (Johnson), *; D. Swanson's Hollyboy, 9st 1lb (Clancy), 3. Time, 1m 19½s. In the run-off Barney won. Time, 1m 2?s.

Boree Handicap of 20 sovs, second 2 sovs, 7f.—J. Boyd's Wexford, 7st 13lb (Meehan), 1; J. Clarke's Whisper, 7st 12lb (James), 2; W. Langby's Lifeboat, 8st 4lb (Lillyman), 3. Time, 1m 33s.

MURRUMBURRAH TURF CLUB.

MURRUMBURRAH, Wednesday.

The Murrumburrah Turf Club's races were concluded to-day. There was a large attendance, and the weather was perfect. Results:—

Flying Handicap.—Rockfall, 8st 2lb, 1; Fielder, 2.

Federal Handicap.—Huret Lad, *; Ollie, *; Seclusion, 3.

Harden Handicap.—Murtin, by Pilgrim's Progress—Lady Bevys, 7st 4lb, 1; Ars Union, 2; Brilliantshine, 3.

Hack Race.—A.D., 1; Dr. Grace, 2; Reforo, 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Yamawaa, 1; Rockfall, 2; Rangoon, 3.

GUNDAROO JOCKEY CLUB.

QUEANBEYAN, Wednesday.

The following weights have been declared for the undermentioned events, to be run in connection with the Gundaroo Jockey Club Annual Meeting:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Reform, 9st 5lb; Cowley, 9st; Cardross, 8st 12lb; Inverary, 7st 10lb; Pretty Boy, 7st 7lb; Sloucher, 7st 7lb; Glen, 7st; Sholto, 7st 5lb; Victor, 7st 5lb; Kendeldale, 6st 12lb; Rosebar, 6st 7lb; Murradore, 7st.

Gundaroo Handicap, 1m 1f.—Whakawatea, 9st; Cardross, 8st 5lb; Cowley, 8st 13lb; Inverary, 7st 9lb; Sloucher, 7st 5lb; Glen, 6st 12lb; Boomerang, 6st 12lb; Kendeldale, 6st 8lb; Rosebar, 6st 7lb; Pardon, 6st 7lb.

CRICKET.

S.C.E.G.S. v THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at the North Sydney No. 2 oval on Wednesday afternoon, and won by S.C.E.G.S. by 247 runs.

S.C.E.G.S.

Blaxland, b Rowley	105	Kater, not out	6
Tozer, b Dawson	44	Sundries	27
H. Massie, not out	79		
Hall, c Wenholz, b Irving	33	Three wkts. for	294

The High School.

H. Wenholz, b J. Massie	9	Bush, lbw, b Longwill	0
Roughley, b Longwill	7	Pike, not out	6
S. Wenholz, b Longwill	1	E. Rowley, b Longwill	12
Dawson, b J. Massie	3	Irving, b Longwill	0
Thatcher, b J. Massie	2	Leg-byes	2
Moyes, b Longwill	1	Total	47

Bowling.—Longwill, six for 27; Massie, three for 17.

GOLF.

LEURA G.C.

LEURA, Wednesday.

A mixed foursomes for Mr. Andreas's trophy was won by Miss Austen and R. J. Wilson. The course is being put into order for the Easter matches. A big entry is expected for both the professional and amateur trophies. The following are the best cards handed in for the mixed foursomes:—

Miss Austin and R. J. Wilson ...... 107—12= 95
Miss Cameron and A. J. Craig ...... 104— 6= 98
Mrs. Bray and N. F. Christoe ...... 106, scr, 106

BOWLS.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

Bowling matches took place to-day between clubs representing Wellington and Bathurst, the latter winning. Total scores for two matches were: Wellington, 114; Bathurst, 167; majority for Bathurst, 53.

LAWN TENNIS.

DAVIS CUP COMPETITION.

Yesterday Mr. Hicks received a letter from Mr. N. E. Brookes, advising that he had definitely decided to play for Australasia in the forthcoming matches in England, and intends leaving by the Moldavia, on April 2 next. This is very welcome news to tennis supporters, as the chances of Australasia winning the cup are greatly enhanced, especially as it is very likely that the Doherty brothers will not be playing for England this year.

The team to be nominated on behalf of Australasia will be selected this week, and in all probability will consist of N. E. Brookes (Victoria), A. F. Wilding (N. Zealand), Dr. Sharp and L. O. S. Poidevin (N.S. Wales). The conditions of the competition provide for the match being played by either two, three, or four players from any nominated team, hence Australasia would doubtless be best served by playing Brookes and Wilding only.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

ROCKDALE BICYCLE CLUB.

The newly-formed Rockdale and District Bicycle Club will hold its first road race on Saturday, over a distance of five miles on the Forest-road course, starting at 3.30 p.m. The prizes are open orders for £2 and £1. The fastest unplaced competitor will receive a gold medal, presented by Mr. A. C. Toose. The handicaps have been declared, as follows:—F. Frandsen, F. Minette, H. W. Jennet, scr; A. Llewelyn, J. Davis, 10s; B. Cartwright, 20s; C. Englistoff, 35s; R. Penman, 40s; A. Beehag, E. M'Leod, 45s; P. Cornish, 50s; F. Plumber, 60s; C. Spackman, 70s; A. Phillips, 85s; F. Dicken, 90s; S. Beehag, 110s.

CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION CARNIVAL.

The Cyclists' Association has arranged an excellent programme of cycling and motor events for Monday evening. Altogether 16 races will be run off. The items are as follow:—New Zealand Handicap, 7 heats and a final; Star Motor Handicap final; Novelty Race; final of the motor paced championship of Australasia; Horder Motor Handicap; Association Easter Gift, 1 mile race; and the Dunlop Scratch. With such a varied programme there is every likelihood of Monday evening's racing being exceptionally good. All the crack cyclists and motor cyclists have entered, including Horder, Mutton, Hagney, Robinson, Senhouse etc., for the wheel events; and Witham, Bergin, Robinson, Daniels, Finlay, and others for the motor races.

The following are the handicaps for the heats of the New Zealand Handicap:—

First heat: S. Wright, 105yds; J. W. Taylor, 110yds; S. Cohen, 110yds; J. Blackwell, 130yds; South, 130yds; J. Fowle, G. Harris, J. Hammond, 145yds; O. Penson, Jameson, 190yds; F. Francis, 195yds.

Second heat: R. E. Mutton, W. H. Pinkerton, 60yds; S. Robinson, C. Butler, 100yds; J. Reid, H. Hamilton, J. Lloyd, 120yds; Major Darrell, 130yds; Major Marshall, F. Luher, 160yds.

Third heat: W. Bearpark, 70yds; W. Bell, 80yds; J. Rattray, 100yds; W. Stokes, 105yds; F. Stanton, 135yds; W. H. Cartwright, F. Bennassal, 140yds; H. Hyslop, Stanmore, W. Denning, 165yds; H. Bagle, 170yds.

Fourth heat: George Horder, scr; F. S. Hagney, 25yds; F. Matterson, F. Simon, 85yds; O. Senhouse, H. Schneider, 95yds; W. Power, W. H. Hayward, Horton, 130yds; M'Clymont, R. Hansen, 160yds.

Fifth heat: G. Fowle, 70yds; J. Cooper, 80yds; L. Little, 105yds; L. Griffiths, 110yds; W. Butler, 115yds; F. Coleman, J. Ingham, 125yds; M. Harris, W. A. K. Harris, 150yds; H. Dennis, 150yds; G. Matterson, 155yds.

Sixth heat: T. H. Henry, 70yds; G. Robinson, 85yds; P. Higgins, 130yds; G. Griffiths, 135yds; E. J. Burley, 155yds; R. Wright, 140yds; J. Donaghue, 155yds; J. Brady, H. Boddy, 165yds; F. Simmons, Erich, 170yds.

Seventh heat: H. Coleman, 125yds; W. Taplin, H. Henderson, J. Ferris, 130yds; H. Evans, 140yds; Roberts, 155yds; Smith, Murray, 160yds; F. Thompson, 160yds; W. J. M'Comb, 170yds; Fletcher, 200yds.

The following are the handicaps for the Association Easter Gift:—G. H. Horder, scr; F. S. Hagney, 25yds; F. Matterson, F. Simon, 55yds; H. Schneider, O. Senhouse, 95yds; W. S. Power, H. Hayward, 130yds; F. Horton, 130yds; H. M'Clymont, O. Hansen, 160yds.

THE FLORIDA RACES.

The latest files give particulars of the concluding days' racing in connection with the great motor car meeting at Ormonde Beach, Florida. The 100-miles championship fell to Blakely, on a 100-h.p. American Mercedes, in the fast time of 1 hour 25 minutes 10 seconds. Hutton, on a 20-h.p. Rolls-Royce, was second in 2 hours 2 minutes 35 seconds.

Last year Clifford Earp, on a 90-h.p. Napier, won in 1 hour 15 minutes 40 2-5 seconds, despite the fact that for half the distance he drove with a deflated tyre.

On the concluding day of the meeting a serious accident occurred. During a record attempt, and while travelling at a speed of 120 miles an hour, the Stanley Steam Car, driven by Marriott, struck a rough spot on the course. The car skidded a short distance, then turned over several times, and lay on the ground a complete wreck. Marriott had a miraculous escape. He, however, sustained a severe injury to one of his eyes, and had a rib broken.

A NEW NON-SKID.

As the result of over a year's experiments and exhaustive tests, the Dunlop Tyre Company of England has brought out a steel-studded tyre. The grooved rubber tyre is well-known, but the steel-studded form has now been produced in consequence of demands, the steel studs, instead of being riveted to a strip of leather, vulcanised on to the tyre, are built into the fabric, and form a part of the tyre itself. Metal-treaded tyres do not wear so long as those made of all rubber, owing to the peculiarly severe strains put upon the casing, but the freedom from side slip and less liability to puncture are distinct points in their favour.

FOOTBALL.

RANDWICK FARNHAM CLUB.

The Randwick Farnham Football Club last season played 21 matches, of which they won 19, drew 1, and lost 1, 252 points being scored for and 33 against. The following have been elected office-bearers for the coming season:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Kelly, M.P.; president, Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Snape, W. Green, N. Comino Carlos, R. S. Cropley, Rogers, T. Watson, P. Sullivan, M.L.A., Doctors Reddall, Dick, and Clifford; committee of management, Messrs. W. Westcott, W. Searle, T. Fox, N. Barrie, B. Bayley; selectors, Captain W. Wescott and H. Armstrong; hon. treasurer, O. A. Cropley; joint hon. secretaries, J. H. Doyle and J. M'Credie.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

TOUR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS.

Arrangements have just been completed for the initial visit of a team of boys to the capitals of some of the States in which the Australian game is being played. Acting on the suggestion of Mr. J. J. Simons, of Western Australia, and recognising the importance of the proposal from both a federal and educational point of view, the Australasian Federal Council and the leagues of the States interested have given it every encouragement. It has been decided that the initial trip shall be made by a team of Western Australian boys. So far the tour decided on will extend over six weeks, the team being timed to leave Fremantle during August, and being due back early in October. During their absence matches with the schools in South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales will be played. So far as this State is concerned, it is intended that the little Westerners shall stay 10 days, and that, in addition to trying conclusions with the metropolitan Public and Catholic schools, will also play at either Wagga or Albury. It has also been arranged for the visitors to be present in Melbourne to witness the Victorian league final, on which afternoon our champion school team will also be in Melbourne to play the annual interstate school match with Victoria.

SAILING.

THE LA CARABINE CUP RACE.

We are requested to publish the following correspondence and statement:—

Sydney, 19th February, 1907.

The Hon. Secretary, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Melbourne.

Dear Sir,—

La Carabine Cup.

I shall be glad if your sailing committee will state a case for the consideration of the British Yacht Racing Association, and I enclose herewith cheque for £3 10s to cover expenses thereof.

Before sending the papers home, I will esteem it a favour if you will let me have a copy of the stated case and the papers accompanying it. My statement will be forwarded to you to accompany the documents.

Yours truly, N. H. Murray.

Wickliffe House, Esplanade, St. Kilda, 26-2-'07.

N. H. Murray, Esq., Sydney.

Dear Sir,—In further reply to yours of the 19th inst., my committee feel that as you do not contend you won the La Carabine Cup race on its merits, but only that you are of opinion that on your view of a technicality it should be awarded to you, they would not be justified in troubling the British Yacht Racing Association over the matter.

I enclose your cheque for £3 10s herewith.

Yours truly, Samuel Amess, Hon. Sec.

With reference to the above, Mr. Dixon Kemp, the accepted authority on yacht racing rules, states:—"The decision of the sailing committee shall be final, unless they think fit, on the application of the parties interested, or otherwise, to refer the questions at issue for the decision of the council of the Yacht Racing Association, whose decision shall be final. Any such reference, if made on the application of any party interested, must be accompanied by a fee of £3 for yachts not exceeding 35ft rating, payable by the party or parties on whose application the reference is made. Such fees shall go to the funds of the Yacht Racing Association in the event of the appeal not being sustained. It shall be the duty of the sailing committee whose decision is appealed against to forward to the secretary of the Yacht Racing Association a statement of the case put before them, and their decision thereon. . . There can be no direct appeal by an owner from the decision of the flag officers or sailing committee of a club to the council, nor can a party interested in a dispute demand as a right that the matter shall be referred to the council. The option of so referring disputes to the council rests entirely with the flag officers or sailing committee. However, the practice is where both disputants request it for the flag officers or sailing committee to refer the dispute, and in most cases such a request from one disputant has been complied with."

The grounds upon which the sailing committee of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria have refused to state a case is, I contend, incorrect, as I have always strongly protested that I won this race on its merits, and was wrongly deprived of my rights by the erroneous action of the committee. I have requested that this matter be referred to the British Yacht Racing Association, and tendered the usual fee, but the sailing committee of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, contrary to the accepted practice, refuse to allow an appeal. This is manifestly unfair, and detrimental to the healthy sport of interstate yacht racing.

N. H. MURRAY.

Entries for the Sydney Club's 18ft handicap on Saturday are as follows:—Australian, scr work scr lead; Donnelly, 11m, 1m; Vision, 3m, 2lm; Stella and Mona, 4lm 4lm; Arawa, 5m 4lm; Scot, Crescent, and Zena, 5lm, 4lm; Evelyn and Pheasant, 6m, 4lm; Gladwyn, 6lm, 4lm; Violet, 5lm, 5lm; Maritana, 6lm, 6m; Cythella and Viking, 7m, 6m; Famous, Vera II., and Alert, 8m, 6lm.

SWIMMING.

CLEVELAND-STREET SCHOOL CARNIVAL.

The twelfth annual carnival of the Cleveland-street Superior Public School was held yesterday, at Farmer's Domain Baths. There was a large gathering, including the Minister for Education (Mr. B. B. O'Conor), Mr. J. S. T. M'Gowen, M.L.A., Colonel Ferris, Colonel Paul, and Mr. George Towns. A splendid programme was provided, and the events were keenly contested. The championship of the school was won by A. Brett, after a hard tussle with C. Hawkless; while the championship, 14 years and under, went to B. Boardman. An interesting display of diving was given by Ken. Chambers, and members of the Seagull Club. The officials were:—Starter, Mr. A. M. Smith; check starter, Mr. W. Young; judges, Messrs. J. Conway, P. Shortland, B.A., J. R. Towns; timekeeper, Mr. A. Balding; marshals, Messrs. M. Armstrong, E. A. Bentley, B. Tollis; result stewards, Messrs. A. Lee, J. Brown, and boys of the school; cap stewards, Mr. G. Noade and boys of school; clerks of course, Messrs. E. Mawson and C. Moody; costume judges, Messrs. M. Armstrong and J. R. Towns; judges of diving, Messrs. C. N. Smith and W. Hill; referee, Mr. G. Towns.

Results:—

Beginners' Race.—D. Fisher, scr., 1.

45yds, Second and Third Class Handicaps.—G. Evans, 1; K. Taylor 2.

Championships (12 years and under), 45 yards.—First heat: J. Fell 1, P. Boardman 2, T. Adrian 3.

45yds, Fourth and Fifth Class Handicap.—B. Leplaw, 12sec, 1; J. Moroney, 10sec, 2. Second heat: N. Kendall, 10sec, 1; W. Whitechurch, 2sec, 2. Third heat: P. Boardman, 1sec, 1; T. Mallitt, 12sec, 2. Final: Moroney 1, Leplaw 2, Kendall 3.

45yds Handicap, for students of the Training College.—First heat: V. Brady, 2sec, 1; H. Filshie, scr., 2. Second heat: W. Buckland, 6sec, 1; Kennedy, 1sec, 2. Final: Buckland 1, Brady 2, Filshie 3.

Championship (14 years and under), 45yds.—B. Boardman 1, A. Bellingham 2. Won easily.

Champion of School, 90yds.—A. Brett 1, C. Hawkless 2, J. Doran 3. Time, 58 1-5s. Won by a touch.

Watermelon Races, 45yds.—First race: H. M'Kenzie, 1; P. Gordon 2; E. Doran, 3. Second race: R. Jones, 1; J. Doran, 2; B. Bradley, 3.

Neatest Header.—P. Boardman, 1; E. Doran, 2; B. Boardman, 3.

45yds 6th and 7th Class Handicap.—First heat: E. Matthews, 8secs, 1; J. Pantlin, 10secs, 2. Second heat: G. Brown, 10secs, 1; C. Hawkless, scr, 2. Third heat: B. Noble, 10secs, 1; J. Doran, 3secs, 2. Fourth heat: F. Turner, 6secs, 1; J. Fell, 2secs, 2. Final: Brown, 1; Fell, 2; Turner, 3.

Old Boys' Race, 45yds.—First heat: R. Grimes, 10secs, 1; W. Smith, 6secs, 2. Second heat: F. Arnold, 6secs, 1; L. Boardman, 3 secs, 2. Third heat: A. Chapman, 10secs, 1; O. Williams, 4secs, 2. Fourth heat: D. M'Laughlin, 11secs, 1; A. Miller, 10secs, 2. Final: Arnold, 1; Chapman and M'Laughlin, 2.

Fancy Costume Competition and Race.—R. Jones, 1; T. Mallitt, 2. Costume: Lindsay, 1; M'Kenzie, 2.

Inter-club Handicap, 90yds.—First heat: C. Healy (E. Sydney), scr., 1; C. N. Smith (Sydney), 5secs, 2. Second heat: H. Hardwick (Sydney), 5secs, 1; C. Hawkless (Sydney), 7secs, 2. Final: Smith, 1; Healy, 2.

Relay Race, 180yds (teams of four).—C. Hawkless, F. Matthews, M. M'Namara, P. Gordon, 1; E. Doran, F. Lindsay, P. Boardman, F. Turner, 2.

BATHURST SCHOOL CARNIVAL.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Bathurst District School swimming carnival was held to-day at the swimming baths. There was a large attendance. Results:—

22yds Handicap, boys under 11: M. Veness, 1; G. Curtis, 3s, 2. 22yds Handicap, Milltown School boys: W. Bell, scr, 1; G. Shanks, 7s, 2. 33yds Handicap, 12 years: W. Willman, 1; L. Williams, 2. 33yds Handicap, Milltown boys: A. Walder, 12s, 1; A. Moir, 12s, 2. Back and breast stroke: H. Perry, 1; A. Dunlop, 2. 33yds Handicap, 13 years: J. Mollison, scr, 1; O. Marshall, 5s, 2. 50yds Handicap, boys over 14: R. Gardiner, 11s, 1; H. Dunlop, 8s, 2. 33yds Handicap, 14 years: V. Marshall, 4s, 1.

100yds Championship for Schools.—G. White, 1; V. Shields, 2. Time, 1m 17s.

Beginners' Race: C. West. Cask Race: A. Dunlop. 60yds Handicap, Bathurst Swimming Club: J. Robinson, 10s. Time, 46s. Wading Race: A. Marshall. Fancy costume: H. Edwards. Teams Relay Race, 100yds: E. Shirtley, V. Perry, Marshall, J. Mollison, 15s, 1; R. Perry, A. Dunlop, G. White, scr, 2. Time, 90s. Neatest header: A. Willman.

During the afternoon the school life-saving class gave a display, and Inspector Parkinson, recently appointed to Bathurst, gave an exhibition of fancy swimming.

SOUTH SYDNEY DISTRICT.

The above club held a 120 yards handicap at Coogee Baths on Tuesday night last. Results:—First heat: D. Abbott, 6s, 1; J. M'Kirick, 10s, 2. Second heat: A. Harman, scr, 1; F. Bradley, 10s, 2. Third heat: W. Harmer, 16s, 1; F. Saunders, 8s, 2. Final: D. Abbott, 1; A. Harman, 2; W. Harmer, 3. Time, 1m 49½s.

SYDNEY CLUB.

Owing to unfavourable weather conditions, it has been found impossible to complete the Sydney Club's mile sealed handicap within the time allotted. The time for swimming in the handicap has been extended to include the whole of the present week.

REDFERN CLUB.

The Redfern Swimming Club contested a 60yds handicap at Coogee Baths on Monday night. Results:—First heat: F. Reddan, 8s, 1; W. Wells, 8s, 2; E. Wileman, scr, 3. Second heat: W. Watson, 2s, 1; C. Oliffe, 6s, 2; W. Blakeman, 5s, 3. Third heat: F. Smith, 13s, 1; J. Freebairn, 7s, 2; R. Nathan, 8s, 3. Fourth heat: A. Freebairn, 9s, 1; W. Slect, 14s, 2; L. Wright, 9s, 3. Final: F. Reddan, 1; A. Freebairn, 2; W. Watson, 3.

BUCKINGHAM CLUB.

The above club held a 50yds championship for a trophy presented by the president, Mr. W. E. Campbell, at Hellingsgate Bondi baths yesterday afternoon, with the following result:—K. Valkenberg, 1; A. L. Cohen, 2; E. Houseman, 3. Time, 34s.

BILLIARDS.

ROCKDALE SCHOOL OF ARTS.

The result of the first round of the two-life tournament, open to members of the Rockdale School of Arts, is as follows:—A. Cowie (rec 90) beat W. J. Boylan (rec 25) by 24, A. Butler (rec 80) beat H. Wescombe (rec 80) by 22, F. Martin (rec 90) beat D. Edward (rec 90) by 2, E. G. Wise (rec 50) beat A. Stirling (rec 80) by 45, J. C. Herzog (rec 90) beat A. Hanks (rec 100) by 6, A. C. Toose (rec 125) beat H. Morris (rec 90) by 4, A. Schey (rec 25) beat H. P. Parish (owes 25) by 74, F. J. Coombes (rec 125) beat N. G. Podmore (rec 75) by 18, F. Hanks (rec 100) received a forfeit from N. Gale (rec 25), and E. W. M'Millan (rec 60) a bye. The draw for the second round resulted as follows:—A. Cowie v A. C. Toose, H. Morris v A. Stirling, E. G. Wise v N. Gale, E. W. R. M'Millan v W. J. Boylan, F. J. Coombes v F. Martin, N. G. Podmore v A. E. Hanks, H. Wescombe v A. Schey, D. Edward v H. P. Parish, C. E. Broome v J. C. Herzog, A. Butler v A. Day, and F. Hanks a bye.

N.S.W. SPORTS INVITATION TOURNAMENT.

The above was continued last night at the club rooms, 10 and 12 Hunter-street, when Don. Q., scr, defeated F.S., scr, by 29. The second round will be concluded this evening, when C. Hodgson (rec 50) meets H. Adams (rec. 75).

THE GUN.

N.S.W. GUN CLUB.

The thirteenth competition for the Gun Club Cup, value £30, to be won three times, took place at the above club's grounds yesterday. The previous winners were:—"Cress," C. G. Barnes (2), J. E. Meynink, "Canuck," James Clark, A. Hill, H. O. Carter, J. M'Caffrey, "Williams" (2), and "Cygnet." Conditions are 15 birds each, those missing three being obliged to retire. Fourteen members competed, and at the end of the fifteenth round H. E. Lord (30) was the only shooter to account for the 15 birds, thus securing a "leg in." "Kiaora" (30½) shot 14 out of 15; "Ian" (28), "Comleroi" (27½), and "Canuck" (25), 13 out of 14; L. N. Walford (32), 12 out of 14; "Bronsewing" (28½), 11 out of 14; "Limit" (21), 6 out of 12; "Rogers" (22), 9 out of 10; A. H. Emanuel (24) and A. Hill (25), 6 out of 9; C. H. Richardson (24) and "Haywood" (23), 5 out of 8; "Williams" (29), 3 out of 6.

Sweepstakes.—No. 1: H. E. Lord (31), "Ian" (28), "Haywood" (23), and A. Hill (23) divided at the eighth bird. No. 2: H. E. Lord (31), "Kiaora" (30½), "Comleroi" (29½), C. N. Richardson (24), and A. Hill (23) divided at the ninth bird.

BOXING.

DEPARTURE OF SQUIRES.

The champion boxer of Australia, W. Squires, of Newcastle, left Sydney yesterday by the steamer Wimmera, bound for Auckland, where he will pick up the next vessel for San Francisco. Squires, who is accompanied by his manager, Mr. B. Reynolds, of Melbourne, stated that he was in excellent condition, and expected, if the passage were a good one, to be fit to box within a month after landing. While anxious to meet the retired champion of the world, James J. Jeffries, Squires announced his readiness to enter the ring with any American boxer of sufficient recognition to ensure a substantial purse. "I don't say I'll win," said Squires, "but Australia can rely on my fighting all I know."

AMUSEMENTS.

MR. LAWRENCE G. SMITH'S CONCERT.

Mr. Lawrence Godfrey Smith was still in his teens when he made his farewell appearance in Sydney at the final concert of Max Schluter, the Danish violinist, in September, 1902. He was then, and happily still is, identified with the young musical life of the city, and accordingly that "rising generation," which Henrik Ibsen described as "knocking at the door," reinforced the brilliant audience which filled the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night, and crowded the gallery to its utmost limits. Thus the welcome back was one of enthusiasm, and indeed, it cannot be pointed out too often how good it is that the more talented of our students should acquire a standard of measurement in matters artistic at some European capital before settling down again in the comparative isolation of this part of the world. Mr. Smith has not only spent four years in study at the Leschetitzky School at Vienna—which is very far from being the only great pianoforte school in Europe, though all our young people seem to be going there—but he also made appearances in Paris and London. The reviews of the chief critics in both cities reached this office at the time in the newspapers in question, and were quite unusually laudatory in regard to "Mr. Lawrence Godfrey," as he called himself, so that the young player may be fairly said to have achieved something during his absence.

In last night's programme the player's cheval de bataille was the "Sonata, op. 31, No. 2," of Beethoven, a good choice, because it is seldom heard, and to many people present was almost a "novelty." The merit of Mr. Smith's rendering of the opening allegro consisted in his dramatic emphasis of those passages imbued with solemnity which break in upon the generally sustained brightness and animation of the movement as a whole, and expression was not lacking in his treatment of the adagio, the melodic elevation of which is characteristic of the composer. The final movement was played with vigour, the whole winning general acceptance, and there followed the presentation of a laurel wreath of welcome from a number of pianists who had studied with Mr. Smith under the late Sydney Moss in Sydney. Probably the best thing of the evening was the pianist's rendering of the Rameau "Gavotte with Variations." Herein his sound technique enabled him to display a crisp touch and a dainty staccato in this music of classic old-world grace, in which the shakes (perfectly played) form an intrinsic portion of the melody, instead of figuring as a mere ornamentation in the modern fashion. After Scarlatti's "Capriccio," the same composer's "Pastorale" was played as encore, whilst the encore after Chopin's "Nocturne D Flat," and "Polonaise A Flat," took the sparkling form of the "D flat valse." This last lacked finish as compared with the best of the artists who have played it here, but the young pianist did well in the Nocturne, whilst in the Polonaise he avoided the pitfall into which many finer players sometimes fall of beginning the left-hand crescendo so soon as to blur the melodic value of the theme. The audience was pleased to hear the five portions of Schutt's "Carnaval Mignon," in which the grandiose and brilliant prelude were rendered with power, whilst the serenade proved charming. The encore was another Schutt movement, and at the end of the evening the Leschetitzky "Toccata" was interpreted with sparkling vivacity.

Miss Emma Sussmilch introduced original settings by Mr. Smith of two of Burns's songs, accompanied by the composer. "Stay, My Charmer" presented a tender lament for voice with a clever pianoforte part, and "Jamie, Come Try Me" proved a lively piece of refined music in the modern style. The singer, who had previously shown her artistic powers in two of Schumann's songs, very brightly realised the mischievous intention, the catch-me-if-you-can spirit of the "Jamie" number, and was heartily encored. It should, indeed, prove popular. Mr. Bryce Carter, a 'cellist whose style is maturing, played with simple tenderness and full tone, Schubert's "La Jeune Mere," and then exhibited executive fluency in Popper's difficult "Tarantelle." The encore was Van Goens' "Elegie," a fine piece of song-like music expressively played. Miss Violet Balmain was the accompanist of the evening, an advantage which arose from the fact that she was two years at the Leschetitzky School, where she met Mr. Smith.

MISS AGNES CHAMBERS'S CONCERT.

On Tuesday evening Miss Agnes Chambers gave a concert at the Unitarian Church, before a large and enthusiastic audience. Miss Alice Kennedy and Mr. Emil Sussmilch contributed songs, Miss Minna Downey violin solos, Mr. H. J. Solloway and Mr. E. G. Robinson recited, and Miss Betty Waldron took part in piano and organ duets, with Miss Chambers. The latter also played a piano solo, and acted as accompanist, assisted by Miss Eva Jones. "A Song of Parting," by Signor Lardelli, sung by Miss Alice Kennedy, was of special interest.

TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON.

Entries for the June theory of music examinations in connection with Trinity College, London, will close next Saturday, at 16, Paling's-buildings. The syllabus entry form may be obtained from the local secretary, Mr. G. de Cairos Rego.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITAL.

The City Organist opened yesterday's matinee performance of classic music with Krebs's Concert Fugue in G, the brilliancy of which suggested that had the composer lived a century after Bach, instead of studying under the old Cantor, he would have been world-famous. Mr. Arthur Mason then, by way of contrast, played with tenderness and the sweetest reed combinations Massenet's "Le dernier sommeil de la Vierge," a piece which frequently figured in the programmes of the late Chevalier Wiegand. Dvorak's orchestral overture "In der Natur" delighted the audience with its breezy animation and richness of colouring; and Mr. Mason then played Handel's "Waft Her, Angels," and pieces by Henry Hiles, Beethoven, and Alphonse Mailly. Saturday night's programme will include an improvisation in which Mr. Mason will introduce a "Storm Scene."

WONDERLAND CITY.

The eccentric skating carnival at Wonderland City last night attracted a very large attendance, and proved very successful. This afternoon the management will entertain 100 children from the institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.

The late Mr. Whiteley once had a dispute, which came into the police court, as to the difference between flannel and flannelette. The magistrate, with rolls of the material before him, at one moment forgot which was which, and made some very complimentary remarks about the flannelette, believing it was the genuine roll. Counsel for Mr. Whiteley was on the point of putting him right, but the astute man of business prevented him, and his Worship was allowed to proceed with his eulogy. When he had finished, Mr. Whiteley told him that all the nice things he had been saying were in praise of the flannelette. Laughter followed, and Mr. Whiteley won the day.

Take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets when you are bilious. They cleanse and invigorate the stomach and liver, so that when the attack is over you feel better than ever.—Advt.

Among the Athletes.—There are several very interesting paragraphs in this issue of the "Sydney Mail." Swimmers especially should get a copy.—Advt.

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AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Draught Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

HIGH-CLASS S. AND H. MARE, FROM RICHMOND.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. J. John, Richmond, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m., Brown Gelding, rising 6 yrs., about 16 hands, by Charming's Son from a Segenhoe mare, stylish mover; can trot about 2.20 on the road; quiet and reliable in saddle and harness; suit a doctor.

UPSTANDING HARNESS MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. Webb to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Dk. Bay Mare, 16 hands, good mover, stylish and reliable, suit sulky or buggy.

FIRST-CLASS S. AND H. HORSE, FROM RICHMOND.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., President Lincoln Roan Gelding, 15.2, 5 years, fast in s. and h., reliable and quiet.

3 UPSTANDING HACKNEYS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Berry, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., The above.

4 FIRST-CLASS MILCH COWS, IN FULL MILK, WITH YOUNG CALVES AT FOOT, FROM THE BEST DAIRIES IN THE SOUTHERN AND HUNTER DISTRICTS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Saleyards, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., on account of Messrs. D. BUFFIER, M'INTOSH BROS., and other owners, the above.

4 EXCEPTIONALLY CHOICE MILCH COWS. 4

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. Mahoney to sell by auction, at their Saleyards, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., 4 Splendid Cows with young Calves at foot, all quiet and heavy milkers, including one extra good quality roan Durham, on 2nd calf, and one splendid Ayrshire Cow, worthy the special attention of dairymen and private gentlemen.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11.30 A.M.

FRESH COUNTRY HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Sellars, West Maitland, to sell by auction, as above, 10 Fresh Country HORSES, comprising Upstanding light Harness and Sad. Horses, 3 or 4 Draughts, and a 14.2 Cream Pony, all broken in.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

110 HIGH-CLASS HORSES. 110

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above, On account RYLSTONE AGENTS. 10 Heavy and Medium Draughts and Upstanding Light Harness and Saddle Horses, in good condition, broken in.

On account Messrs. T. and W. D. MOXHAM. 30 High-class Horses, comprising specially good Heavy and Medium Draughts, all 4 to 6 yrs. old, in splendid condition, worthy the particular attention of BREWERS, MILLERS, HEAVY CARRIERS DRAY and VAN PROPRIETORS, and others; the balance strong upstanding Horses, suitable for Butchers' and Bakers' Carts, Carcase Waggons, Merchants' Light Order Carts, and general business use.

On account Messrs. CHRUTEY and MARSHALL, Maroona. 28 first-class Horses, comprising a few heavy and medium draughts, strong, good quality light horses, with plenty of bone and substance, and a few REALLY GOOD GUNNERS and REMOUNTS, suitable for SHIPMENT TO INDIA. The whole consignment are in splendid condition, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. WM. HERRON, Barraba. 20 splendid Heavy Draughts, active Van and strong Business Cart Horses, 3 to 6 yrs. old, broken and unbroken, described as a very serviceable consignment for the requirements of this market.

On account PILLIGA AGENTS. 10 Heavy and active Draughts and upstanding light Harness Horses, all the right ages for work, broken and unbroken.

On account Mrs. JNO. WILLIAMS, Wollongong. Upstanding Bay M. and H. Gelding, 6 yrs. old, quiet in all kinds of harness.

On account Mr. T. LEMON, Bankstown. Upstanding Bay Mare, broken in, suit sp. cart or cab.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

SATURDAY NEXT, MARCH 9, AT 11.30 A.M. SHARP.

1800 HEAD. 1800 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction as above. The following are the particulars of the various lots advised up to the present, viz.:—
100 First-class Dairy Heifers, from 2 to 3 years old, mostly in calf, and some forward, described as a particularly good lot.
200 Choice Dairy Heifers, 18 months old, all good colours, splendid dairy sorts, selected from the principal dairies in the Southern district.
80 Heifers and Steers, 9 months to 2½ years.
30 Head, comprising Bullocks, Steers, Store Cows, and Heifers. A really good lot.
40 Springing Cows and Heifers and Newly-calved Cows.
60 Head, comprising 20 Steers, the balance Store Cows and Heifers.
40 Head, comprising 30 young Steers and 1 Dairy Heifers.
11 First-class Dairy Heifers, 2 to 3 years old; and 1 Dairy Bull.
100 Really Good Dairy Heifers, 12 months to 2 years old.
62 Store Cows, including 12 Station-bred Jerseys.
12 good Springing Cows and Heifers.
25 Head, comprising 15 choice Dairy Heifers, 6 months to 2 years old; the balance Steers, and two or three Springing Cows.
150 Very Superior Steers and Heifers, 12 months to 2 years old.
200 Head, comprising 130 choice Dairy Heifers, 18 months to 2½ years old; 50 ditto ditto, 8 to 12 months old, selected from some of the best dairies in the Camden district; 150 well-grown Steers, 12 to 18 months old, all good colours.
60 Choice Dairy Heifers, 12 months to 2 years old.
100 Mixed Cattle, Cows, Heifers, and Steers.
300 Head, comprising 100 Choice Dairy Heifers, 1 to 2 years old; 150 Steers, well grown and good colours, the same ages; and 50 Choice Jersey Heifers, 12 months to 2yrs old.
30 First-class Cows and Heifers, some with young calves at foot, balance springing.
36 Head, comprising 20 real good Dairy Heifers; 10 Cows, with calves at foot; and 6 Springers.
100 Extra Choice Camden-bred Dairy Heifers, 1 to 2 years old.
50 Head, comprising 40 1st-class Dairy Heifers, including some Purebred Jerseys, 1 to 2 years, and 10 young Bullocks.
60 Mixed Steers and Heifers, 6 to 15 months old.

TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 2.42 and 6.47 p.m.

BROUGHAM AND PAIR, ALSO FOUR-WHEEL DOGCART.

MESSRS. MACCABE and DODDS have received instructions from Mr. G. E. Fairfax, who is leaving for England, to sell by auction, on MONDAY NEXT, the 11th inst., at 2.30 p.m., at Beadell's Bazaar, 68 Hunter-street:—
Brougham and Pair, comprising Brougham, built for the owner by Messrs. Angus and Son, pair of Bay Horses, about 15.3 hands, and Set of Double Harness.
Also, Four-wheeled Dogcart, built for the owner by Messrs. Angus and Son, can be used single or pair.

HEAVY AND MEDIUM DRAUGHTS. COLTS AND FILLIES, MOSTLY FILLIES.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS, ON FRIDAY NEXT, AT 2.30, on account of Mr. Jas. Tumeth, from Taree. Fifteen Heavy and Medium Draughts, broken and unbroken, 3 to 6 years, in good condition. An excellent lot all round, and nothing light in them.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS.

SATURDAY, 16th MARCH, 1907.

783 CHOICE DAIRY AND STORE CATTLE. 783.

WEAVER and PERRY will sell by auction, as above, at their Newmarket Saleyards, St. Marys, on SATURDAY, 16th March, at 12 o'clock sharp, 783 CHOICE DAIRY AND STORE CATTLE, comprising Account H. S. THOMPSON, Esq., Victoria.
80 Really Choice Dairy Heifers, forward springers, from 1 to 4 weeks off calving, selected from some of the best dairies in Victoria.
80 Pure and Grade Jersey Heifers, principally lemon fawns and silver greys, 2 to 3 years old.
100 Pure and Grade Jersey Heifers, 12 to 18 months old, principally silver greys and lemon fawns.
50 Pure Ayrshire Heifers, 12 to 18 months old.
100 Really Choice Hand-reared Dairy Heifers, chiefly Dairy Durhams, 1 to 2 years old.
3 High-class Purebred Jersey Bulls, pedigrees at sale.
ON ACCOUNT VARIOUS OWNERS.
30 Choice Dairy Cows and Heifers, forward springers, from 1 to 4 weeks of calving.
100 Superior Dairy Heifers, chiefly Dairy Durhams, backward springers, from 2 to 3 months off calving.
100 Superior Dairy Heifers, 18 months to 2½ years.
20 Bullocks, 3 years old.
20 Steers, 12 to 18 months old.
70 Choice hand-reared Dairy Heifers, 12 months old.

N.B. Train leaves Sydney for St. Marys at 10.15 a.m. on day of sale. Competent drovers in attendance. Cattle can be trucked or shipped as desired.

WOOL SALES.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, BRIDGE-STREET, at 3 p.m., as under:— Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., 2213 Bales. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., 2030 Bales.

STATION PRODUCE SALES. The SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer Catalogues TO-DAY, in the SALEROOM, MACQUARIE-PLACE, as under:— HAIR, HORNS, and SUNDRIES, at 10 a.m. TALLOW, at 2.30 p.m.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2 o'clock.—HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at 251 CLEVELAND-STREET, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, Crockery, Patent Medicines, and Sundries. No Reserve.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Investment Proprts. and Villa Sites, Alfred and Berry sts, Next Sat. R. and W.

THE SALE OF THE YEAR.

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SATURDAY. MARCH 16, AT 3 P.M.

HUGH DUFF AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 283 GEORGE-STREET; AND AT CHATSWOOD AND MOSMAN.

FREE TRAM AND STEAMER TICKETS ON DAY OF SALE.

IMPORTANT TO CONFECTIONERS, SPECULATORS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE have received instructions to sell by auction, ON THE PREMISES, No. 94 MARKET-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 7th MARCH, AT 11 A.M.

The Confectioner's Business as carried on in the name of L. Giraud. The Business also includes Tea and Refreshment Room and Wine License, also Shop Fittings and Stock-in-Trade.

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TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at THE COMMODIOUS SALE ROOMS of JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

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DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, and AN EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE of MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

SEVERAL TYPEWRITERS, RONEO DUPLICATOR, TWO GRAMAPHONES, Etc., Etc., Etc. WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FURNITURE and FINE ART AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE, No., 2056.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M., on the Premises,

140 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CITY,

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES. WALNUT UPRIGHT COTTAGE GRAND PIANO, Steinmayer. MASSIVE MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, P.G. Back. SUPERIOR WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, Austrian Dining-room Suite, Upholstered in Leather. SOLID CEDAR EXTENDING DINING TABLE, Austrian and Rattan Furniture. MASSIVE SOLID WALNUT OVERMANTEL, BRASS-MTD. and MOTHER-O'-PEARL BEDSTEADS, Of Single and Double Sizes, all furnished with Best Quality Bedding. TWO PATENT MANGLES. NEW WARD STOVE, GAS STOVE, Iron Safe, Fenders, CEDAR BOOKCASE, and LOT of Books. Combination, Cedar, and Pine Chests of Drawers, Cots, Curtains, Bed Linen, Household, and Laundry Utensils.

BARNARD AND CO. will sell by Auction, as above, WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE. Auc. Offices: 140 Castlereagh-street. 'Phone, 2778.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M. SHARP, on the premises, HEDLEY, JERSEY-ROAD, PADDINGTON.

WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANO, Collard and Collard. WALNUT HALLSTAND, WALNUT SIDEBOARD. WALNUT Finished Beaconsfield Bedroom Suite. Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads. Austrian and Wicker Chairs, Linoleums, Carpet. DUCHESSE PAIRS, COMBINATION CHESTS, Toilet Ware. Dining and other Tables, Glassware, China. DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, Pictures, Ornaments, Sundries. HOUSEHOLD AND LAUNDRY UTENSILS.

BARNARD AND CO. will sell by auction, as above, POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE. Auc. Offices, 140 Castlereagh-street. 'Phone, 2778.

TO DRAPERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, AND OTHERS. For Absolute Unreserved Sale. On the Premises 37 QUEEN-STREET, WOOLLAHRA (a few yards from Oxford-street). Both Tram and Bus stop near the door. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK. THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK AND PLANT. On Account of Vendor relinquishing business. Dress Goods, Sateens, Rustic Linings, Fcy. Drapery, Hosiery, Gloves, W.B. Corsets, Millinery, Curtains, Large Stock Ribbons, Trimmings, Bibs, Large Stock Haberdashery, Combs, Hdkfs., Large Stock Brilliant Machine and Knitting Silks, Laces in Val., Torchon, and Guipure, Embroideries in Swiss and Flannelette, Collars, Ties, Tissue Paper, Paper Bags, and a host of Sundries. Also, 2 superior Show Cases, Corset Busts, 20 superior Stock Boxes, large quantity Dressmakers' Furnishings, etc.

M. GOULSTON AND COMPANY. will sell THIS DAY, at 11 sharp.

AUCTION SALE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 8, At 11 a.m., on the Premises, No. 13 PITT-STREET, CIRCULAR QUAY.

THE STOCK, PLANT, and FITTINGS OF E. J. HILL'S TOBACCO AND HAIRDRESSING BUSINESS (almost new), comprising— 3 SALOON CHAIRS "THE LOUNGE." 4 MIRRORS, AUSTRIAN CHAIRS, INLAID LINOLEUM, TABLES, COUNTERS, PARTITIONS, GLASS CASES, HOT-WATER URN, TOBACCO-CUTTER, RAZORS, SOAPS, SHAVING MUGS, PLAYING CARDS, POCKET KNIVES, PIPES, POUCHES, SCALES, Etc., SHAVING-BRUSHES, TOBACCOS, CIGARS, Etc. HAT and COAT HOOKS, SUNDRIES, etc., etc.

H. W. HORNING AND COY., AUCTIONEERS, 58 PITT-ST., CITY. Terms Net Cash.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE OF DIAMOND JEWELLERY, HIGH-CLASS WATCHES, etc.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, at the AUCTION ROOMS, 247A PITT-STREET, Single-stone, Half-hoop, and Cluster Diamond Rings, DIAMOND BROOCHES, BRACELETS and EARRINGS, Gold Alberts, Muff Chains, Links, Solitaires. GOLD and SILVER CHRONOGRAPHS. Diamond Breast Pins, Studs, and Lockets. Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches, Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, THE UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY PLEDGED WITH THE ORIGINAL MONT DE PIETE, Limited, of CASTLEREAGH-STREET, city, as above.

THIS MORNING, AT 11 O'CLOCK, on the premises, GRAY-STREET, off Cowper-street, WAVERLEY, CLOSE BONDI JUNCTION.

IMPERATIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.

USEFUL FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, comprising Cedar Wardrobes, Pairs Toilets, 4ft 6in Black and Nickel Bedstead, Singer Sewing Machine (nearly new, cost £14), 2-roller Mangle, Kitchen and Laundry Requisites.

ALLDIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, WAVERLEY, will sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE. TERMS CASH. Telephone, No. 38 Waverley.

BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS. SALE BY AUCTION, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Demolition of 7-room WEATHERBOARD COTTAGE, situate CLEVELAND-STREET, near Castlereagh-street, and opposite PUBLIC SCHOOL, REDFERN, including 200 SHEETS BEAUTIFUL GALVANISED IRON, 2000 BRICKS, a good lot, all spotted, 2000ft Oregon Joists, long lengths, 8 x 2½, 6 x 2, 2000ft Studs and Plates, 4 x 3, 4 x 2½, 2000ft Rafters and Battens, 4 x 2½, 3 x 2, 3 x 1, 1500ft Flooring Boards, 750ft Lining Boards, CEDAR PANEL DOORS and JAMBS, complete, BOXFRAMES and SASHES, 4-pair Casements, MARBLE MANTELPIECES and GRATES, SPLENDID SETTERS' FUEL STOVE, equal new, and hosts of Sundries, etc.

A. BARNETT will sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1907, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, ON THE PREMISES, 100 BOTANY-STREET, WATERLOO.

Under instructions from Mr. A. G. H. DURHAM, Accountant in the Assigned Estate of Messrs. FLETCHER BROS., BOOT MANUFACTURERS.

THE WHOLE OF THE MACHINERY, PLANT, LEATHER, GRINDERY, ETC.

CROSSLEY GAS ENGINE, 4-horse power.
SHAFTING, PULLEYS, and BELTING.
BLAKE'S SOLE-SEWING MACHINE.
CUTTING PRESS, PAIR ROLLERS.
BUTTON-HOLE MACHINE and FASTENER.
SCOLLOP MACHINE and SIX DIES.
CHALLENGER HEEL BREASTER and HEEL SCOURER.
CARVER BUFFER and KEG BUFFER.
GOLOSH SEWING MACHINE (Singer and Co.).
SEVEN SEWING MACHINES (Singer and Co. and Jones).
TWO TOE-CAPPING MACHINES and DIES.
POWER BENCH, PULLEYS, and TRANSMITTERS.
BLOCKING MACHINE, EYELET MACHINES, BEADER.
SET OF PADS and BRUSHES.
5 Sets INSOLE and OUTSOLE KNIVES, Men's and Youths'.
4 Sets IRON LASTS, Men's and Youths'.
HEEL KNIVES and BUTTERS, EMERY WHEEL.
CLICKERS' BOARDS and STANDS.
MACHINE STANDS, MAKERS' STANDS, MAKING JACKS.
BENCHES and TABLES.
GLACE and PATENT LEATHER, TAN CALF.
SOLE LEATHERS, GLACE KID.
BLACK CELLULOID EYELETS, BOTT BUTTONS.
BLAKE'S THREAD, LINING CLOTH and CANVAS.
AVERY'S WEIGHING MACHINE, 5cwt.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY have received instructions from Mr. A. G. H. DURHAM (Accountant in the Assigned Estate of Messrs. FLETCHER BROS.) to sell the above WITHOUT RESERVE, on the Premises, 100 BOTANY-STREET, WATERLOO, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 7th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.

THE GOODS WILL BE ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

AUCTIONEERS' OFFICES: 124-6 CASTLEREAGH-ST.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE AUCTION SALE AT DULWICH HILL.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., at MILTON, PILE-STREET, DULWICH HILL.

Under instructions from H. Stevens, Esq., who is giving up housekeeping, and desires to sell Without Reserve.

THE SUPERIOR FURNITURE, COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, GENERAL REQUISITES throughout of Large Dining-room, Double Drawing-room, the Various Bedrooms, Hall, and Offices. MAGNIFICENT HAPSBURG PIANOFORTE. SUPERB SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, comprising 4ft 6in BEACONSFIELD WARDROBE, with drawers at sides and Bevelled Mirror; pair 4ft TOILETS with Bevelled Mirrors and best fittings; SEVEN-DR. CHEST, PEDESTAL CUPBOARD, and TOWEL RAIL, en suite.
*** This Suite is a very good one, and cost, new, £40 odd.
SPLENDID MODERN 5ft SIDEBOARD, with Bevelled Mirrors.
FINE CEDAR BOOK or SHOW CASE, 5 x 5.
WALNUT and ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITES and APPOINTMENTS.
Remarkably Fine PAINTINGS and other PICTURES. Valuable Solid Walnut HALLSTAND, cost £8 15s. NICKEL and BRASS BEDSTEADS, Blankets, etc. MATCH PAIR WALNUT OVERMANTELS. SINGER SEWING MACHINE, in perfect order. Eureka Gas Stove, No. 410, Glass Dresser, Mower, Poultry, Pot Plants, large quantity generally useful lines, etc.
N.B.—Pile-street is third on left from tram, Livingstone-road. A 'Bus passes close to the residence every half-hour from Petersham station.
ON VIEW TWO HOURS BEFORE SALE. CATALOGUES AT THE RESIDENCE.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS. Telephone, Two Double O Burwood.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

THE BEST SPOT IN THE STATE FOR SELLERS AND BUYERS OF FURNITURE AND GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS— THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS. (Established Twenty-two Years.)

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE. By order of Holder of a Bill of Sale, and for various vendors and in several Estates.

SPLENDID HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, in Solid Walnut and Rosewood; also in Cedar and Stain Walnut. VALUABLE CARPETS, SUITES, SIDEBOARDS, and General Requisites of a Superior Class; also about 12 Surveyors' Tents and Flys, various sizes, nearly new.

Fuller particulars To-morrow morning's papers.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS, Auctioneers, and Agents for Vendors. THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS, next Post-office, close station.

AT PREMIER-STREET, KOGARAH, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11. COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHINGS. Under Instructions from H. Kennedy, Esq. Std. Wal. Hall Stand, 6ft Din. Table, 6 Oak Din. Chairs, Linoleums, Carpet Square, Lady's Escritoire, Curtains, Pictures, Screens, Rat. Table and Settee, MAGNIFICENT GRAMOPHONE and 60 RECORDS, TREADLE SEWING MACHINE and Access. (as new), Enamel Bedroom Suite, Box Otto. Couch, Solid Cedar Wardrobe, Easy Chairs, Sets Ware, Toilet Table, Bed Chair, Lamps, Glassware, Three-qtr. and Single Half-tester Bedsteads, Wires and Bedding, Stair Oilcloth, 2 Roller Mangle, Kit. Safe, Table Utensils, Crockery, Pot Plants, etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, is instructed to sell, UNRESERVEDLY, as above.

THIS THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AT 2, AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET. HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, PIANOS, etc. Din. Ex. Tables, Din. and Draw.-room Suites, H.B. Chairs, Overmantels, Carpets, Linoleums, Massive Sideboards, Bedroom Suites, Wardrobes, Bedsteads, Ice Chests, Mangle, etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, will sell as above.

THIS DAY, MARCH 7th, AT 2.30 P.M. At the CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 PITT-ST. Under Instructions from THE CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES. In the Estates of George Eley and ——— Davis, deceased. A FIRST-RATE COLLECTION OF CARPENTERS' AND UPHOLSTERERS' TOOLS, in lots to suit purchasers.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS AFTERNOON, WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO MACHINERY MERCHANTS AND OTHERS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, AT 11 A.M. ON THE PREMISES, GOULBURN-STREET. CASE AND BOX FACTORY. Boiler and Engine, Saw Bench and Saws, Pulleys, Shafting, etc., etc.

A. G. JENKINS has received imperative instructions to sell as above, on FRIDAY.

THIS DAY, AT 3 O'CLOCK.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction at No. 170 George-street West, 2 Nice Sideboards, large Gilt Mirror, New Home Sewing Machine, Dining Tables, Suites, Couches, Washstands, Single and Double Bedsteads, Kapok Bedding, Chairs, Pictures, Ornaments, Carpets, Oilcloth, etc. NO RESERVE.

ORDER OF SALE.

FREEHOLD, CITY, AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be offered FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 PITT-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.

TO-DAY, THURSDAY.

CITY.—In JAMIESON-STREET, just off GEORGE-STREET.—No. 24 JAMIESON-STREET.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Corner of WALKER-STREET and MOUNT-STREET.—Nos. 128, 130, 132 WALKER-STREET, and Nos. 98 and 100 MOUNT-STREET. Five Shops.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Corner LANE COVE-ROAD and WEST-STREET.—No. 147 LANE COVE-ROAD. Shop with Dwelling.
NORTH SYDNEY.—LAND, with frontage of 29ft 10in to WEST-STREET by 73ft 10in along CHURCH-STREET, at rear of above.
PADDINGTON.—HAMPDEN-STREET, corner HAMPDEN-STREET and SOUDAN-STREET.—Detached Brick Dwelling, HOBARTVILLE. Assignee's Sale.
PETERSHAM.—PALACE-STREET.—Villa Residence known as AVOCA. Torrens.
ERSKINEVILLE, within a minute of Station.—No. 40 RAILWAY-PARADE.—Detached House, with Detached House at rear, facing EQUITY-LANE.

RAINE AND HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

MOSMAN.—Cremorne Point Est., beaut. sit., facing Mosman's Bay and Shell Cove. Next Sat. R. and W.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Investment Proprts. and Villa Sites, Alfred and Berry sts, Next Sat. R. and W.

NEXT SATURDAY.—ALLOTS., Toxteth Est., Glebe Pt., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

ORDER OF SALE of COUNTRY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be offered at the Rooms, Stock Exchange, 113 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11.30 A.M.

PORT HACKING.—By Order of the Mortgagee.—Kurranulla Beach-road, 5 minutes from Cronulla Beach and Davis Hotel, 8 acres, securely fenced, with Cottage, 4 rooms, dairy, cow sheds, etc., vineyard of about 100 vines, in good order. Long Leasehold.
OATLEY.—Forced Sale, right at the station.—Weatherboard Cottage, 5 rooms, kit., etc.; also detached Room, used as a Shop; land 128ft to Oatley-parade by about 178ft. Torrens Title. Terms, Deposit, balance as rent.
BALMAIN.—Deceased Estate, for Absolute Sale, 23 Crescent-street, close to tram.—A Weatherboard Cottage, 6 rooms and kitchen, land 31ft 3in by 107ft and 98ft. Rental, 14s week. Title Freehold. Dr. J. D. Sly, Solicitor to the Estate.
MARRICKVILLE, Fernbank-street.—2 substantially-built and well finished Brick Cottages, Lillian Fells and Valancia, detached, each 4 rooms, kitchen, and offices, gas and sewer, land 40 x 101 to a lane, Torrens. Will sell separately.
BONDI.—4 splendid building Sites, in the Avoca Estate, close to tram. Lot 23, 40ft to Avoca-street by 129ft; lots 34 and 35, 80ft to Avoca-street, by 138ft; lot 44, 40ft to Birrell-street by 124ft 8in. Torrens Title.
LEICHHARDT, 71 Rofe-street, close to Parramatta-road.—A semi-detached Brick Cottage, 3 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, bathroom, gas, and sewer, slate roof, land 17 x 87, Torrens Title.
NORTH BOTANY, Universal-street.—W.B. Cottage, bay window, front verandah, enclosed with glass, 4 large rooms, kitchen, venetian blinds, gas, workshop, fowlhouse, etc., land 80 x 99, also adjoining 40ft to George-street by 99ft. Torrens Title.

ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON, AUCTIONEER.

ORDER OF SALE.

CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, At the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., TO-MORROW (FRIDAY).

SURRY HILLS.—Residence No. 65 Fitzroy-street.
SURRY HILLS.—Range of Stabling Premises, Nichol-street, near Fitzroy-street.
REDFERN.—Louie Terrace, Nos. 21 to 25, Pitt-street, between Cleveland and Redfern streets.
REDFERN.—Residence, Enfield, No. 163 Wells-street, between Regent and Abercrombie streets.
REDFERN.—Two Houses, Nos. 89 and 91 Walker-street, Leasehold. Executor's Sale.
GLEBE POINT.—Block Land, Glebe Point-road, through to Avon-street. FREEHOLD.
GLEBE POINT.—Three Residences and Land, Glebe Point-road and Wigram-street.
FLEURS.—Homestead and 457 acres Kemp's Creek, near St. Marys.
PROSPECT DISTRICT.—Eastern portion of the Horseley Estate, in area 119ac. 10p., close to Water Reservoir.
STANMORE.—Residence, Centennial, Cavendish-street, close to Liberty-street.
WAVERLEY.—Residence, Osborne, Albion-street, near Macpherson-street.
BEECROFT.—Cottage, Rockleigh, and ½ ac., Welham-street.
BEECROFT.—Cottage, and ½ ac., Welham-street.
BEXLEY.—Cottage, Roseles, Monomeeth-street.
ROCKDALE.—Allotment Bay-street, between Railway Station and George-street. Mortgagee's Sale.
PENSHURST.—Residence, Thornleigh, and 3ac. 1r. 26½p., Laycock-road and Railway Fence, Trustee's Sale.
ECKERSLEY, near Liverpool.—Grodno Vineyard of 320 ac., with Cottage and all improvements. Freehold.
NEPEAN RIVER, near Penrith.—Residence, Riverside, and 10 acres 25p., Nepean River and street. Executrix Sale.
NEPEAN RIVER.—Two blocks, in all 11ac. 3r. 15p., Nepean, Forbes, and another street. Executrix Sale.
WAHROONGAH.—Allotments, Warwilla, Millewa, Wonlora, and Meringah North avenues.
AUBURN.—Allotments Clyde, Sutherland, and Silver streets, Silverwater Estate. Mortgagee's Sale.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

DOWLING-STREET, MOORE PARK.

TWO SUPERIOR HOUSES, Nos. 88 and 90, at corner of Maddison-street, a little beyond Cleveland-street, and enjoying a pleasing outlook over the attractive permanent spacious park. They are built of brick, cemented, on stone foundations, slate roof, and contain severally verandah and balcony front and rear, hall, 6 rooms, 2 bathrooms, pantry, kitchen, laundry, wash room, fuel room, cellar.
LAND, 37ft frontage Dowling-street, by a depth of 100ft along Maddison-street.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
The intention is positively to realise; those seeking a desirable home in a captivating situation, or investors, should consider the purchase.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 15th MARCH. At our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock.

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BETTER LAND WAS NEVER SOLD.

THE BAY VIEW ESTATE, KOGARAH. Auction on Ground, Day after To-morrow, SATURDAY, MARCH 9, at 3. Choice "View Sites." Excellent Situation. £2 Deposit, £1 Month. Ask, and you will receive a . . . .

ARTHUR RICKARD and CO., Ltd., 84B Pitt-street, Auctioneers and Realty Specialists.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF DARLINGTON. ABSTRACT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Half-year Ending 4th FEBRUARY, 1907.

Feb. 4. By Rates	£488 17 0	
Investment subsidy	200 0 0	
Rents, Fees, etc.	29 17 0	
City Bank	465 16 11	
	£1184 3 11	
1906—Aug. 6. To City Bank	£483 7 5	
1907—Feb. 4. To Cartage and Tip Charges	150 17 6	
Salary and Wages	182 12 0	
Gas	50 4 0	
Metal	200 11 0	
Tar, Blinding, etc.	6 9 9	
Fire Brigades' Board (1 quarter)	16 6 10	
Office, Advertising, and Telephone	10 11 2	
Maintenance, Repairs, etc.	32 3 11	
Tools and Sundries	6 4 10	
Interest and Account Fee	14 16 6	
Cash in hand	2 19 9	
	£1184 3 11	

I certify that the above Accounts are Correct, and correspond with Account Books and Vouchers. (Signed) JAMES SPRING, Mayor.
We certify that all Accounts and Vouchers as shown to us in possession of the Council are correct. (Signed) P. G. HARRIS, F. J. GIBBINS, Auditors.
T. PHILLIPS-GIBSON, Council Clerk. Council-chambers, Darlington, 28th February, 1907.

MUNICIPALITY OF PADDINGTON.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Section 141 of the Municipalities Act of 1897, an ASSESSMENT has been made of the Ratable Property within the Municipality for the now current municipal year, and that upon such assessment, a RATE of THIRTEEN PENCE in the £ has been levied by the Council of the said Municipality, being a sum comprising TWELVEPENCE (12d) in the £, for the purposes set forth in Section 141 of the Municipalities Act of 1897, and a sum of ONE PENNY (1d) IN THE £ for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 27 of the Fire Brigades Act of 1902; also that a SPECIAL RATE of THREEPENCE in the £ has been levied, in accordance with the Municipalities Act of 1897, for maintaining the Gaslights within the said Municipality.
The Books containing such Assessment are open to all persons interested therein during office hours.
A COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS will be holden at the Police Court, Paddington, on THURSDAY, the 28th March, at 11 a.m., for hearing any APPEALS against such Assessment. Notice of Appeal must be in writing, and lodged with the undersigned seven days before the holding of the said Court.
A. VIALOUX, Council Clerk. Town Hall, Paddington, 27th February, 1907.

MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHFIELD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an ASSESSMENT has been made upon all the rateable property within the municipality of Strathfield by the Council thereof, under the provisions and for the purposes set forth in sections 141 and 143 of the Municipalities Act of 1897, and section 22 of the Fire Brigades Act of 1884, and that a General Rate of 12½d in the £, and a Lighting Rate of 4½d in the £, have been levied by the Council upon the assessed values.
The Books containing the Assessment and Rates are open for inspection by those concerned during office hours.
A Court for the hearing of Appeals against such Assessment will be held at the Court-house, Burwood, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of March, 1907, at 10.30 a.m.
Notice of Appeal must be in writing, and lodged with the undersigned seven clear days at least before the holding of the said Court.
A. H. THEW, Council Clerk. Council-chambers, February 25, 1907.

MACHINERY.

TO NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS AND PRINTERS.

FOR SALE.

A GOOD ROTARY PRINTING MACHINE. A VICTORY WEB PRINTING AND FOLDING MACHINE, in first-class condition. Will print and fold sheet 37 x 51 inches. Included with the machine are a set of new gear wheels, two roller moulds complete, one casting box (will require a little alteration), one chipping horse, and nearly double set of roller stocks.

JOHN FAIRFAX AND SONS, S. M. Herald Office.

CHEAPEST POWER.—Tangye's 47-h.p. SUCTION GAS PLANT, working locally for one penny per 10-h.p. per hour, compact, easy to start, and run, and without drawbacks of pressure plant. BENNIE, TEARE and CO., Hay-street.

ROBEY ENGINES stocked, Tractions, Improved Portables, Horizontal and Verticals, High-speeds, Threshers, Oil and Gas Engs., Wire Ropes, Steel Rails, etc. ARTHUR LEPLASTRIER and CO., 64 Pitt-street.

STEAM Engines, plain slide valve, also Automatic. Atlas Works, large stocks. H. P. Gregory and Co.

D. HARRIES, Machinery Merchant, Pyrmont, invites inspection of his Stock, Min. and Engineering App.

BUFFALO Blowers, 10, 12, and 14 inch, in stock. Gibson, Battle and Co., 7 Bent-st.

GAS ENGINE wanted, second-hand. Price and full particus. to J.W., c.o. Grimley, Ltd., 283 Clar.-st.

GAS ENGINE, 7-horse, effective, tube ignition, gd., cheap, seen run'g. Matthews and Co., 127 York-st.

WANTED, Rack for storing iron, also 10-cwt. Weighing Machine. W. J. Johnston, 1 Wilmot-st.

WANTED, Tyre-welding and Upsetting MACHINE, 3 Tyre-bending Machine, 1 Drilling Machine. State price, F. THOMPSON, Blacksmith, Ourimbah.

WANTED, 20cwt. and 5cwt. Weighing Machines, gd. order. Partics., D. Harries, 270 Crown-rd, Pyrmt.

WANTED to Buy, Screw-cutting Lathe, 8in centre, or over. Jones Bros., Camperdown.

WTD., Flywheel, abt. 15cwt., 2 or 2½ in Governors, Rockbreaker, Roadil drill. Johns, Reg.-Clev. sts.

NEXT SATURDAY.—ALLOTS., Toxteth Est., Glebe Pt., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

TENDERS.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality GOODS at lowest cost buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 326-328 GEORGE-STREET.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF GOW BROTHERS, BOOT MANUFACTURERS, TRAFALGAR-STREET, NEWTOWN.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received, by me up to 4 o'clock on FRIDAY, the 15th day of MARCH instant, for PURCHASE of the undermentioned ASSETS, either as a whole or in separate Lots:—

Lot 1.—Stock-in-Trade	£2,692	6 1
Lot 2.—Plant, fixtures, and Fittings, including Electric Lighting Plant	1,753	11 8
Lot 3.—Machinery, including amount paid on leased and hired machines	3,634	10 0
Lot 4.—Land, having a frontage of 120ft to Trafalgar-street, Newtown, on which is erected a 2-storied Brick Factory, with engine-room and outhouses, complete. (This property is subject to a mortgage of £1000 at 5 per cent. p.a.)	2,000	0 0
Lot 5.—Horses and Cart	40	0 0
Lot 6.—Goodwill	....	
	£10,120	7 9

The business has been conducted by the Messrs. Gow Bros., during the past eleven years, and enjoys a valuable and remunerative connection. The factory premises are commodious and well lighted, and are fitted up with the most up-to-date machinery in the trade.
There is a fair extent of vacant land adjoining the factory available for immediate sale, or which could be used for further extending the factory, if necessary. Arrangements can be made with the present mortgagees for an extension of the mortgage if desired.
The stock has been taken by my representative, and is well assorted and in good condition.
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The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted, and the usual 10 per cent. conditions must apply. Tender forms and any further information can be obtained at the office of the undersigned, or at the factory, Trafalgar-street, Newtown.
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ARTHUR'S PASS TUNNEL CONTRACT.

ALTERNATIVE TENDERS will be received at the Public Works Office, Wellington, New Zealand, until noon of MONDAY, JULY 1st, 1907, for the CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL, about 5 miles 25 chains in length, at Arthur's Pass, through the dividing range between Canterbury and Westland, on the route of the Midland Railway. They are to be addressed to the Hon. Minister for Public Works, and marked on the outside, "Tender for Arthur's Pass Tunnel."
NOTE.—The time for receiving Tenders for the above work has been extended from 18th MARCH to 1st JULY, 1907.
Plans, Specifications, and Conditions may be seen, and other information obtained at the Public Works Offices, Melbourne, and Sydney. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By order. P. S. HAY, Engineer-in-Chief. Public Works Office, Wellington, N.Z., March 1st, 1907.

RODD Picks, 6 and 7 lb, Universal Eye Stone Picks, other picks and shovels, Macintosh, 307 Pitt-st.

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TENDERS are invited, and will be received by the undersigned up to 16th MARCH, 1907, for the Purchase of one Second-hand Robey Semi-portable ENGINE, with 2 10-inch cylinders; one Horizontal Engine, 12in cylinder; and one Second-hand Wilberforce Pump, 10in. Apply to A. T. B. ANDERSON, Melbourne Cope's Creek Co., Tingha.

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TENDERS for Colouring Brickwork of Hall, Drummoyne. Next Fire Station, 10 to 12.

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LOST, Sat. night, Balmain tram or Darling-st, Purse; rew. Horton, Newsag., Stephen-st, Balm.

LOST, March 6, in Macquarie-st, lady's silver Watch, wristband; rwd. Mrs. Brown, The Albany, Macq.-st.

LOST, sm. green Purse, Mon., contg. money, Nth. Syd. tram, Mils. Pt-Walker-st, rew. 29 Walker-st.

LOST, black-and-tan English Terrier DOG; Reward, Trebartha, Roslyn-st, Darlinghurst.

LOST, silver chain BAG, containing money; handsome Reward. 193 Macquarie-st.

LOST, gold bamboo Bangle, Wed., Geo., York, Market, Clarence sts; rwd. Chemist, 513 George-st.

LOST, Tues., 5 p.m., bet. Hunter-st and Milson's Pt., Golf Share Register; rew. H. J. Cohen, 85 Pitt-st.

LOST, Pair Gold-mounted EYEGLASSES; reward. Apply 30 Dowling-st, Paddington.

LOST, Gold Bar Brooch, with Red Stone. Reward to Oake, newsagt., 380 Oxford-st, Woollahra.

LOST, bet. William and Junction sts, N. Sydney, Purse, con. Rings; £1 reward. 80 William-st.

LOST, bet. Tuggerah and Newcastle, last week, Solicitor's Kit Bag, Papers; r. Solicitor, Herald, King-st.

LOST, Tuesday night, Gold Turq. and Pearls Bangle, keepsake; 20s rew. Mrs. M'Intyre, off Bay-st, Bot'y.

LOST, blue Cow brand MB joined, ½-circle over top; finder rewarded. W. A. Jago, Waitara, N.S. line.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS WHISKY.

LOST, Yellow and White Half-collie DOG, followed tram from Coogee, Sunday; reward. W. HOLROYD, Perouse-road, Randwick. Detainer prosecuted.

LOST, BAY MARE, branded BB on shoulder, with white spots on back. Apply W. FLETCHER, c.o. Pearce, Double Bay. Reward.

LOST, RED HEIFER, spotted flanks, branded GRD milking side. Reward £1 on returning to F. TUTTON, Dairy, Wardell-rd, Marrickville.

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REWARD, £2, to finder of Gold BRACELET, with enamelled Floral Design; lost in city on Wednesday, 13th February, on returning to 49 Selwyn-street, Moore Park.

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STRAYED, Bay Mare, branded OE conj., across shoulders, Newland's stables, Buckland-st, off Geo.-st W.

FOLLOWED fr. Burw., Sat., Pug Dog; owner have desc., pay. exps. Kalvin, M'Gregor-st, Croydon.

FOUND, at Manly, SET OF FALSE TEETH. Mr. Page, Slade-st, Narrabeen, North Sydney.

FOUND in Robert-street, Marrickville, PUG DOG. Apply Castlederg, same street.

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TENDERS are invited until 11 a.m. on the 11th instant for laying water pipes, etc, to sites for above Encampments.
Specifications and particulars may be obtained at the office of the Staff Officer for Engineer Services, Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
A. J. PINCHEN, Capt., S.O.E.S.

Postmaster-General's Department, February 27th, 1907.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide, until noon on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th, 1907, for the Supply of 400 SQUARE WOODEN TELEGRAPH POLES. For particulars see "Commonwealth Gazette" of February 23rd.
AUSTIN CHAPMAN, Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Department, 28th February, 1907.

ATTENTION is directed to a notice appearing in the Commonwealth Gazette of February 23, 1907 (a copy of which may be seen at any official Post-office), inviting TENDERS for the Supply ONE METALLIC CIRCUIT TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD (100 line) to this Department in Tasmania.
AUSTIN CHAPMAN, Postmaster-General.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Accounts with plans of distribution in the undermentioned Estates, showing dividends as specified, are now filed in the office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and Notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation or otherwise on MONDAY, 25th day of March, 1907, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—
JOHN WORRALL, of Parramatta, late Schoolmaster (No. 17,157), a first account and plan of distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 1s 10½d (one shilling and tenpence one farthing) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.
WILLIAM ATHANASIUS MURRAY, of Terrara, Labourer (No. 17,172), a first account and plan of distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 3s 6½d (three shillings and sixpence halfpenny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.
HENRY PHILIP WARR (trading as Harry Warr), of 60 William-street, Bathurst, Bicycle Agent (No. 17,198), a first account and plan of distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 5s 9d (five shillings and ninepence) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.
BARAKET ALI KHAN and WEB KHAN (trading as Baraket Ali Khan and Company), of Comborah, near Walgett, Storekeepers (No. 17,210), a first account and plan of distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 1s 7⅜d (one shilling and sevenpence three-eighths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.
Also, Accounts current only in the undermentioned Estates:—
17,168. JOHN VINCENT MOORE, of Old Canterbury-road, Petersham.
17,232. JAMES EVANS HINCKS, of Eastleigh House, Arden-street, Coogee, Milk Carter.
17,201. ROBERT JOSEPH COTTRELL, of 10 Edgecliff-road, Woollahra, Hairdresser.
17,216. JOSEPH GEOGHEGAN, of Hibbard-street, South Broken Hill, Miner.
17,201. EDWIN JOHN SKELLY, of 14 Union-street, Tempe, Commission Agent.
WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, Official Assignee.
47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 5th March, 1907.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 16,372.—Re ELI SNOW.—Notice to Creditors.—Take notice that the Public Examination herein has been reopened under Rule 107, and will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on Tuesday, 12th March, 1907, at 11 a.m. LANCELOT T. LLOYD, Official Assignee. 182 Phillip-street, Sydney, 6th March, 1907.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDWARD YOOLE, late of Uimarra, in the State of New South Wales, Auctioneer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES FORSYTHE, of Ulmarra, aforesaid, the Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the deceased must be sent within the abovementioned fourteen days. LOBBAN and LOBBAN, Proctors for the Executor, Grafton, and Vaughan's-chambers, 142 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WALTER KETTLETY, late of Avenue-road, Mosman, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Dairyman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JANE KETTLETY, the Widow of the said deceased; and application will also be made that the usual Administration Bond may be dispensed with. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned; and all claims against the said Estate must within the time aforesaid be sent to ROWLAND H. SHORTER, Proctor for the Administratrix, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE WOOD, late of Kiama, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Take Notice that application is being made that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALMA WOOD and JAMES WOOD, the Executrix and Executor named in the said Will. Dated this 5th day of March, A.D. 1907. KIERAN RYAN, Proctor for Executors, Kiama. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of AGNES VAUGHAN, late of Suva, in the Colony of Fiji, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probates granted to PETER GORDON, of Rewa, Fiji, Planter, and WILLIAM THOMPSON, of Suva, Fiji, Minister, and to JOHN KING HARDING, of Surrey, England, Farrier, in respect of the above Estate, may be sealed with the Seal of this Court; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. WILLIAM ARNOTT, Attorney for Executors, 84 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE GIBBS DENMAN, late of North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Carrier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANNA MARIA SCHOFIELD, the Executrix named in the said Will. HERBERT EDGAR McINTOSH, Proctor, 96 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Take NOTICE that I, HECTOR TILLOTSON KORFF, at present residing at 6C Fitzroy-street, Milson's Point, and for the past two years residing at 139 Phillip-street, Sydney, and 6C Fitzroy-street, Milson's Point, aforesaid, lately serving under Articles to John Wilkinson, of Albury, Solicitor, and by Assignment to Herbert Henry Lee, of Orange, Solicitor, do intend, on the last day of the present term, to apply to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this sixth day of March, A.D., 1907. HECTOR TILLOTSON KORFF.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Take NOTICE that I, RICHARD JOHN JOHNSON, at present residing at 67 Hunter-street, Sydney, and for the past two years residing at Wilson-street, Albury, and 67 Hunter-street, Sydney, aforesaid, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to John Wilkinson, of Albury, aforesaid, Solicitor, do intend, on the last day of the present term, to apply to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this sixth day of March, A.D., 1907. RICHARD JOHN JOHNSON.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, ROY NOEL TEECE, of Wolseley-road, Point Piper, for the past two years and upwards residing at Wolseley-road, Point Piper, and 203 Macquarie-street, Sydney, lately serving under articles of clerkship to Alfred Consett Stephen, of Sydney, Solicitor, do intend, on the last day of the present term, to apply to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated, this fifth day of March, 1907. R. N. TEECE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Take Notice that I, ALBERT ROBERT BLUETT, residing for the past two years and upwards at Belgrave-street, Neutral Bay, and Berma, Redan-street, Mosman, and lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to William Morgan, of King-street, Sydney, Solicitor, and subsequently by Assignment to Arthur Joseph Reynolds, of Moore-street, Sydney, Solicitor, do intend to apply on the last day of the present term to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this honourable Court. Dated this sixth day of March, A.D. 1907. A. R. BLUETT.

TAKE NOTICE that I, JAMES SETON VEITCH MEIN, residing for the past two years at Hoonham, Edgecliff-road, Woollahra, and lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to Edward Ainsworth Gaden, of 2 O'Connell-street, Sydney, do intend to apply on the last day of the present Term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this honourable Court. Dated this 6th day of March, 1907. JAMES S. V. MEIN.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE, that I, JAMES DANIEL REID, at present and for the past two years resident at Miller's Forest, Raymond Terrace, in the State of New South Wales, and lately serving under articles of Clerkship to Joseph Albert Gorrick, of Newcastle, in the said State, Solicitor, do intend to apply on the last day of the present term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this sixth day of March, A.D. 1907. JAS. D. REID.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Probate Court.—Suffolk SS.—To WASHINGTON IRVING PEYSER, an absentee, who formerly resided in New York, in the State of New York, having property in said County of Suffolk; to all persons claiming an interest in the property hereinafter named; and to all whom it may concern.—Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to appoint HANNAH HELBURN, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, or some other suitable person, receiver of the following described property of said absentee, and whereas a warrant to take possession thereof has issued to an officer who has made his return thereon, to wit: A certain deposit in the Suffolk Savings Bank of Boston. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Boston, in said County of Suffolk, on the sixteenth day of May, A.D. 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this notice once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Boston Daily Advertiser, the New York Law Journal, and the Sydney Morning Herald, a newspaper published in said Boston, in said New York, and in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, respectively, the last publication to be sixty days at least before said Court; and by posting a copy of this notice not less than thirty days before said Court upon each parcel of land named herein, and in two or more conspicuous public places in New York, the city in which the absentee was last known to have been, and by mailing, postpaid, at least thirty days before said Court, a copy of this notice to said absentee, addressed to him at 338 West 88th-street, New York, N.Y., his last known address. Witness, JOHN W. McKIM, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this ninth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven. ELIJAH GEORGE, Register. FRANKLIN BALCH, Attorney, 30 Congress-street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

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Dated this second day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seven.
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JOHN STEWART, F.S.A.A., Incorporated Accountant. Sydney, 5th March, 1907. Equitable-building.

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MEETINGS.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

The Regular General MEETING of the Australian Jockey Club will be held at the offices of the Club on TUESDAY, 26th March, 1907, at 4 o'clock p.m.
Business:
Mr. S. E. Ward has given notice that he will move: "That the Australian Jockey Club control all racing throughout the State, and allow any man whose character is good to own and train both horses and ponies."
T. S. CLIBBORN, Secretary.
6 Bligh-street, Sydney.

N.S.W. SPORTING LEAGUE. PUBLIC MEETING TO-NIGHT, Stratton's Hall, Ebley-street, Waverley, to form local branch. R. G. Watkins, Esq., Mayor, will preside. Aldermen Blunt, R. D. Meagher, Esq., R. E. Orten, and others, will address the meeting.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SYDNEY DISTRICT FOOTBALL CLUB will be held THIS EVENING, at the Sports Club, Hunter-street, at 8 o'clock.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the First Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Castlereagh-street, Coonamble, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of MARCH, 1907, at 8 p.m.
BUSINESS:
To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the year ending 20th February, 1907.
To Elect one Director in place of Mr. James Wallace, who retires, but is eligible for re-election, and offers himself accordingly, and to appoint an Auditor in the place of Mr. H. E. A. Miller, who also retires, is eligible for re-appointment, and offers himself accordingly.
And to transact any other ordinary business.
By order of the Board, J. M. REES, Legal Manager.
Coonamble, March 4, 1907.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 13th to the 20th day of March inclusive.

DARLING Harbour Labour League Meets To-night, St. Philip's, 8 o'clock. J. Hines, sec.

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LECTURES.

R. H. BLIGH, talk to men only. Subject: "Exposure of Quack Doctors." Methodist Church Hall, Waverley, TO-NIGHT, 8. Chairman: T. Jessep, Esq., M.L.A. Admission free. Collection.

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FUNERALS.

BOWE.—The Friends of the late Mr. LAWRENCE BOWE (late of Tramway Dept.) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 101 Abercrombie-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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BOWE.—The Friends of Mrs. CATHERINE BOWE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND, Lawrence Bowe; to leave his late residence, 101 Abercrombie-street, City, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
P. BYRNES and CO., 185 George-st West. T., 203 G.

BOWE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL CULLEN and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late nearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW and UNCLE, Lawrence Bowe; to leave his late residence, 101 Abercrombie-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood.

H.A.C.B. SOCIETY.—The Members of St. Patrick's Branch, No. 38, are invited to attend the Funeral of the late Bro. L. BOWE; to leave his late residence, 101 Abercrombie-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
W. F. HOGAN, Secretary.

BRANSBY.—The Funeral of the late ALICE MARY BRANSBY will leave the residence of her parents, Cambridge, Brook street, Coogee, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

CORCORAN.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. JOSEPH MATTHEW CORCORAN are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Coomassie, Queen-st, Ashfield, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for the Necropolis, via Ashfield Station. By request, no flowers.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Sydney, Summer Hill, Burwood, etc.

FALLON.—A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late PATRICK EDWIN FALLON will be offered up in St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock. Funeral will leave the church at 2.15 p.m. for Ashfield station, thence Rookwood Cemetery.
J. BRAUER, Undertaker, etc., Tel., 222 Ashfield. Summer Hill.

FALLON.—The Friends of the late PATRICK EDWIN FALLON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Ashfield station, thence Rookwood Cemetery. J. BRAUER, Undertaker, etc., Summer Hill. Tel., 222 Ashfield.

FALLON.—The Friends of the Misses FALLON, P. W. and J. A. FALLON, and Mrs. BOWLER (Germanton, N.S.W.), are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Patrick Edwin Fallon; to move from St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Ashfield station, thence Rookwood Cemetery. J. BRAUER, Undertaker, etc., Summer Hill. Tel., 222 Ashfield.

FOX.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. WALTER HENRY FOX will leave her late residence, Prospect Villa, Roseby-street, Drummoyne, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Waverley Cemetery. By request, no flowers.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

HENSLEY.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. CHARLES WINSLOW HENSLEY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, 60 Lower Tupper-street, Marrickville, THIS THURSDAY, at 1 p.m., for South Head Cemetery.
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HENSLEY.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZA HENSLEY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, Charles Winslow Hensley; to move from 60 Lower Tupper-street, Marrickville, THIS THURSDAY, at 1 p.m., for South Head Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON.

HENSLEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS HENSLEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved FATHER, Charles Winslow Hensley; to leave 60 Lower Tupper-street, Marrickville, THIS THURSDAY, at 1 p.m., for South Head Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd. Tel., 875.

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KEATING.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS KEATING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Agnes Maud; to move from his residence, Waratah House, 135 Liverpool-street, city, THIS THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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KEATING.—The Friends of Mrs. P. HARTIGAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved SISTER, Mrs. Agnes Maud Keating; to move from Waratah House, 135 Liverpool-street, THIS THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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KEATO.—The Friends of the late SAMUEL KEATO are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 1.30 p.m., for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. CHARLES KINSELA, 146 Oxford-street, near Crown-street.

KEATO.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZA KEATO are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, Samuel Keato; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 1.30 p.m., for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. C. KINSELA, Darlinghurst.

KEATO.—The Friends of GEORGE, THOMAS, WILLIAM, HENRY, ARTHUR, FREDERICK, and ALFRED KEATO are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, Samuel Keato; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 1.30 p.m., for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
CHARLES KINSELA, Bondi Junction.

KEATO.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HICKSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FRIEND, Samuel Keato; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 1.30 p.m., for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. C. Kinsela, 765 Geo.-st.

LIDDLE.—The Friends of Mrs. JAMES LIDDLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND; to move from his late residence, 34 Keig-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for Newtown station, thence to Rookwood. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, 25 Enmore-road, Newtown. Tel., 128 N.

MAHONEY.—The Friends of Mrs. IMBULA, of Toogood-street, Erskineville, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved SON, Samuel Mahoney; to leave S.P.A. Hospital, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.
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McGUIRE.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. JOHN McGUIRE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from our Funeral Parlour, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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McGAUGHEY.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JOHN McGAUGHEY will take place THIS AFTERNOON, at C of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. Friends please catch Funeral Train leaving Mortuary Station at 2.15.
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MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION.—The Officers and Members of the above Union are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Member, JOHN McGAUGHEY; to move from P. J. Byrnes's Funeral Parlours, George-st West, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. James Tyrrell, Pres.; Geo. Ashton, Sec.

MEDD.—The Funeral of the late Mr. FRANK E. MEDD will move from his brother's residence, Grosvenor-crescent, Summer Hill, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Ashfield station. F. J. FIELD, Funeral Director, Ashfield. Tel., 143 A.

THORNTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDMOND THORNTON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Margaret Ellen (Nellie); to leave their residence, Garden-er's-road, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2, for Waverley Cemetery.
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WANTED, GIRL, for housework, 10s, sleep home. After 9, 36 Carrington-st, Wynyard-square.
WANTED, General, able to do plain cooking, no Sunday work. Glenrock Lunch. Rms., 43 Hntr.-st.
WANTED, Woman, as Light General, sleep at home. 4 Bridge-st, city.
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WANTED, a good Shirt and Collar Ironer. Apply Albion Laundry, George-st, Burwood. Mr. Souter.
WANTED, Bush Worker, drive 6-horse plough, £1 per week. State Labour Bureau, Dawes Point.
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WANTED, smart second COOK. Apply early. 76 Market-st.
WANTED, WAITRESS. Apply Oxford Coffee Palace, 183 Riley-st, Surry Hills.
WANTED, respectable, honest GENERAL. 170 Riley-st, Oxford-square, off Oxford-st.
WANTED, a smart and resp. young Waitress. Apply 204 Elizabeth-st, city.
WTD., resp. Girl, about 16, as General Useful, sleep home, refs. 144 Phillip-st, city.
WANTED, young Cook and Laundress or Gen., pers. ref., must be compt. Mrs. Dale, Corso, Manly.
WANTED, a competent GENERAL, light place. Apply Mercia, Wentworth-st, Manly.
WANTED, a House and Parlour Maid, small private family. 68 Alberto-terrace, Darlinghurst.
WANTED, young GENERAL, small family. Apply 9 to 11 o'clock, 17 Arcadia-rd, Glebe Point.
WANTED, LAUNDRESS, by day. Apply Mrs. Rose, Wanganella, Allison-rd, Randwick.
WANTED, good, competent COOK. Apply Northbrook, Hale-rd, Mosman.
WANTED, good Shirt and Plain IRONERS, fare paid. Mosman's Bay Laundry, Shadforth-st.
WANTED, young General, all duties, no family, Mrs. C. Johnson, Auburn, Arthur-st, Randwick.
WANTED, WAITRESS. Oxford Dining Rooms, 55 Castlereagh-st.
WANTED, young Girl, GENERAL, sleep home. Apply early, 64 Liverpool-st, Paddington.
WANTED, a light GENERAL, at once. 23 Underwood-st, Paddington.
WANTED, respectable YOUTH, useful. Apply after 1 p.m., L. Lyons, 345 Oxford-st, Paddington.
WANTED, good General SERVANT, no washing. Mrs. F. Meacle, Myee, 85 Gordon-st, Paddington.
WANTED, a Shirt and Collar Ironer, also Starch and Plain Ironer. Glen Laundry, 24 Glenmore-rd, Padd.
WANTED, TIPCARTS. Boundary and West sts, Paddington.
WANTED, GENERAL, no housework. 20 Darlinghurst-rd, opposite Macleay-st.
WANTED, strong MAN as general useful. Commercial Hotel, Sussex and Druitt sts.
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WANTED, Folders and Plain Ironer. West End Steam Laundry, 112 Bay-st, Glebe.
WANTED, smart Boy, 16, for suburb, wages and keep. 3 p.m., Bushby, Chapel-st, Marrickville.
WANTED, competent GENERAL. Apply Lucerne, cr. Military and Cowles rds, Mosman.
WANTED, a Willing Boy. New buildings, M'Cauley-rd, Stanmore, nr. Parramatta-rd.
WANTED, Elderly Man, generally useful, refs. required. S. A. Costin, Bridge Hotel, Balmain.
WANTED, Man, garden, groom, must be expert driver, refs. Crocker and Barrett, Sussex-st.
WANTED, respectable GIRL for housework. J. Glasser, 6 Market-st, city.
WANTED, Gen., middle-aged, for suburb. 96 Commonwealth-st, city.
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WANTED, a Girl, as Housemaid and Tea Waitress. Apply 340 Pitt-st, National Dining Rooms.
WANTED, General, must cook well, personal ref. Apply before 10 a.m., 305 Cleveland-st, Redfern.
WANTED, a Girl, for housework, plain cooking, 7s week. 11 London-st, Enmore.
WANTED, first-class Shirt-Collar Ironer, no other need apply. 34 Iredale-st, Newtown.
WANTED, immediately, Light General, adult fam. Ferrymead, Pritchard-st, N. Annandale.
WANTED, compt. GENERAL. Apply before 11 and after 7 p.m. 90 Johnston-st, Annandale.
WANTED, Girl, light Housework, sleep home, before 8. Mrs. Green, Ascot-terrace, Rose-st, Annandale.
WANTED, a young GENERAL. Apply Mrs. Clark, View and Piper sts, Annandale.
WANTED, LAD, over 14 years of age. Apply Willis, newsagent, 177 Glebe-rd, Glebe.
WANTED, respectable young LAD for housework. Kerribree, Hereford-st, Glebe Point.
WANTED, good GENERAL, must be respectable, small family. Victory Hotel, King st, Newtown.
WANTED, a GIRL for general housework. Apply 95 Regent-st.
WANTED, good Shirt and Collar Ironer. Annandale Laundry, 41 Parramatta-rd, Annandale.
WANTED, BOY for sulky, 7s 6d, before 9 a.m. W. Flunnel, 13 Hampstead-rd, Petersham.
WANTED, young GIRL, general help, small family. 62 Prospect-rd, Summer Hill.
WANTED, 2 Shirt Ironers, 1s 9d; also Starch Ironers, const. Sunlight Laundry, 32 Lackey-st, Summer H.
WANTED, compt. GENERAL. Apply after 9 a.m. 211 Cleveland-st, Redfern.
WANTED, gd. GENERAL, Prot. Apply by letter or person., Mrs. Ferguson, Lyndoer, Boulevard, S'field.
WANTED, a BOY, left school, for dairy work. Apply 657 King-st, Tempe.
WANTED, a Respectable GIRL to assist light housework. 25 Schimel-st, Waterloo, nr. Redfern Park.
WANTED, Young GENERAL, light place, sleep home. 59 Gladstone-st, Enmore.
WANTED, a GENERAL, references required. Apply 71 Castlereagh-st.
WANTED, a Respc. Young GENERAL, good home. Apply after 9, 4 Pearl-st, Newtown.
WANTED, USEFUL GIRL, another kept, sleep home. Cloyne, 371 Glebe Point-road.
WANTED, first-class LUNCHMAN, start Monday next. Courthouse Hotel, Oxford-st, Darlinghurst.
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WANTED, smart PANTRYMAID, to assist in dining-room. 24 Bayswater-rd.
WANTED, Light GENERAL, open 2 days. Mrs. Noble, General Store, Woodville-rd, Granville.
WANTED, young GIRL, for pantry. Apply North Queensland Coffee Palace, 174 George-st North.
WANTED, Mother's HELP. Rosebank, 118 Boulevard, Lewisham, Dul. Hill terminus.
WANTED, an experienced Kitchenmaid. Coffee Palace, 40 Elizabeth-st, Redfern.
WANTED, Lad for dairy farm, must be able to milk. Apply Railway Hotel, George-st.
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